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MARKDALE STANDARD.

THURSDAY, FEB. 27, 1896.

The Week's Commercial Summary.

Sixty-seven failures are reported in the Dominion last week, sixteen more than the corresponding week last year.

While British and United States wheat markets have declined lately, there is no apparent weakness in Ontario. Receipts continue very light.

The stocks of wheat at Port Arthur and Fort William are 3,231,586 bushels, as against 3,266,527 a week ago, and 719,-783 bushels a year ago.

The gold in the United States Treasury has been increased from $46,000,000 to $52,700,000 within the past few days, owing to payments for bonds.

There is little or no change in domestic money markets. Call loans are quoted at 5 1-2 per cent., and prime commercial paper is discounted at 6 to 7 per cent.

The following additions have been made to the list of money order offices in the Dominion: Province of Ontario—Bloomfield, County Prince Edward; Brooksdale, County Oxford; Copper Cliff, District of Algoma; Marysville, County Hastings; Niagara Falls Centre, County Welland; Tory Hill, Peterboro'.

There is no change of a satisfactory nature to report in the business situation throughout the United States, as presented to us in the telegraphed reports from the two principal mercantile agencies of New York. Trade is reported as "not up to anticipations," and as a rule anticipations were not large. In a few cities East and West there is a slight improvement, but this is more than offset by the same tale of dulness told of other districts. Only in a few minor staples are prices quotably higher. Bad weather and bad roads are held accountable for much of the prevalent depression. The total bank clearings are smaller, and rates for money continue high. Lower prices are recorded for articles of general consumption, such as corn, wheat and live stock generally; cotton, steel and iron are also weaker. Commercial failures for the week in the United States amounted to 321, against 270 for the corresponding week of last year.

Free and easy expectoration immediately relieves and frees the throat and lungs from viscid phlegm, and a medicine that promotes this is the best medicine to use for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs and all affections of the throat and chest. This is precisely what Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup is a specific for, and wherever used it has given unbounded satisfaction. Children like it because it is pleasant, adults like it because it relieves and cures the disease.

Here and There.

"Don't society people need saving?" inquired an exchange. Yes, indeed, some of them very badly. But they must repent.

Considering that February has but twenty-nine days, she does pretty well to crowd in five Saturdays. But lots of strange things happen in a leap year.

A New York paper announces that Mrs. Frank Leslie will try a third or fourth term. Marriage is not a bad habit unless it is indulged in to excess.

A Boston man was drowned the other day while trying to walk on the water. What a foolish thing to sacrifice his life for a trick that is at least 1,8[illegible] years old?

A Kentucky woman who is the mother of twenty-one children is suing for divorce. It has taken her quite a while to find out that she married the wrong man.

Professor Garner thinks he can teach monkeys to write and read. One of these days we may have a scientific review of Darwin's "Origin of Species" by one of the species.

On a wager a West Virginia man in ten days drank a gallon of alcohol, two gallons of hard cider, seven quarts of whiskey and six bottles of gin. That's all—he ever will drink.

At last we are beginning to understand the wonderful nerve of Napoleon. It has been discovered that in his early days he was the agent for a publishing house that delivered on the instalment plan.

The public would probably be indignant at the rise in anthracite prices if it hadn't become so used to that sort of thing. People got tired after a while in kicking against extortions when they knew that they were simply kicking for exercise.

"Life near Havana," observes the Boston Journal, "is growing interesting. Think of a railroad train quietly vanishing!" Well, there is nothing particularly astonishing about a railroad train vanishing. Thousands of people witness such a sight every day.

How's This!

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that can not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O., Walding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

"You cannot depreciate a gold dollar abroad by driving a tenpenny nail through it," declares a Boston paper. People who are expecting to go abroad for the purpose of depreciating gold dollars by driving tenpenny nails through them should paste this in their hats.

Advice to a Tramp.

"I don't know what to say, madam, in return for your kindness in giving me this breakfast."

"Say nothing and saw wood."

Usually.

Peter—Pa, what's a Patriarchs' ball?

Pa (absently)—Whiskey and seltzer, generally.

Assured Income.

Little Tim had been taken out into the country by a good-natured woman for a week at Christmas. He was a pretty ragged and disreputable-looking specimen of the genus gamin when she took him, but seemed to think he had about everything that was necessary to his material well-being. His would-be benefactor had a little girl who sympathized with the poor urchin. She told him she was sorry his papa was so poor he could'nt afford to give him a Santa Claus for Christmas. Papa was going to give her one.

His independent spirit instantly rebelled at being patronized by a girl.

"Dad ain't poor," he said, "why de ol woman does a washin' every day."

Prince Bismarck derives an annual income of $175,000 from various industries.

No Government Can Run Itself.

"God has never endowed any statesman or philosopher, nor any body of them, with wisdom enough to frame a system of government that everybody could go off and leave. To pay taxes and to submit to the laws are far short of the whole duty of the citizen."—Ex-President Harrison in Ladies' Home Journal.

TOPICS OF A WEEK.

The Important Events in a Few Words For Busy Readers.

CANADIAN.

Grave robbers are at work in Perth.

Counterfeit half dollars are circulating in Halifax.

Evangelists Hunter and Crossley have left Halifax for Bermuda.

The Canadian Kennel Club has decided to abolish the cropping of dogs' ears.

Chatham's total expenditure for the last year was $75,861, nearly $1,000 over the estimates.

There are over 50 applicants for the position of superintendent of the General Hospital at Kingston.

Adolphus D. Urlin and George Urlin, his son, were acquitted of the charge of arson at the St. Thomas Assizes.

William Adair, of Strathroy, has been sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for assaulting Mrs. Baker.

Busy Frank Carroll is laying plans to secure the 1897 meet of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association for Quebec.

Mr. Arthur Piers, of Montreal, has been appointed superintendent of the Canadian Pacific lines of steamships.

The Rev. Wellington Jeffers, D.D., of Belleville, a retired Methodist minister, died on Monday at his home in Belleville, Ont.

The Hamilton Council has passed a by-law authorizing the payment of the $40,-000 bonus to the Hamilton Iron and Steel Company.

Mr. John Read, the well-known Montreal litterateur, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature of Great Britain.

Dr. Thomas W. Reade, a well-known practising physician of Niagara Falls, Ont., died at his home on Monday last, aged 45 years.

Ice in the Niagara river so blocked the flow of water that people could almost walk from the American side to Goat Island dryshod.

City Engineer Haskins, of Hamilton, says it will cost $41,900 to divert the Wentworth street sewer to Ferguson avenue, as proposed.

Lieut.-Col. Hughes and a party of prominent Montrealers have been indicted for hounding deer in La Minerve Township, Que., in October last.

The Hamilton Council, by a vote of 14 to 6, has refused to entertain the petition asking for a reduction of the number of liquor licenses from 75 to 50.

The trial of the Essex poisoning case, in which Mrs. Harriet Nolan is charged with poisoning her husband, will not take place until September.

The Ottawa Trades and Labor Council has decided to send a deputation to the Dominion Government, to ask that eight hours be a day's work on all Government works.

An investigation by Judge Johnston of Algoma into matters connected with the seizure of the fishing tugs of the Noble Bros. will begin at Collingwood on Feb. 25.

Mr. F. N. McGuigan, fomerly of the Wabash railway, has been appointed general superintendent of the Grand Trunk railway in succession to Mr. James Stephenson.

A scheme is afoot in Toronto to form a Canadian bicycle racing circuit. The arrangement is to give each club 25 per cent. of the gate receipts, the management to pay all expenses.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen has appealed to the Minister of Justice to remit the $10 fine imposed upon its officers by Police Magistrate Jelfs at Hamilton for a violation of the Insurance act.

C. W. Bowman, reeve of Southampton, has been unseated for having had a contract with the municipality. The seat has been given to A. E. Belcher, the former's opponent.

St. Thomas, Ont., cannot raise the money necessary to enter the Canadian Amateur Baseball League, and it is suggested that Stratford be substituted, the league to comprise Guelph, London, Galt, Toronto and Stratford.

The gross postal revenue last year in Montreal was only $317,291, while in Toronto it was $320,261. The former city has 203 employes, of whom 98 are letter carriers, and Toronto 224, of whom 131 are carriers.

The Don Rowing Club, of Toronto, has lost the services of Lou Kennedy, who stroked in the intermediate and senior champion four-oared crew last year. He has gone to seek a fortune in the mines of Cripple Creek, Col.

Lord Haddo, eldest son of His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, has taken up his residence in Montreal with the Rev. Dr. Barclay, at St. Paul's manse, that he may go through a course of study at McGill University, for the rest of the winter.

At a convention of the Independence of Canada party, held at Windsor, Ont., on Saturday, Mayor Mason, of that city, was chosen as the candidate of the party in North Essex, for the Dominion parliament, and Mr. Antoine Lafferty for the Ontario Legislature.

Miss Jean W. Barr, correspondent of the Windsor (Ont.) Record, is a now face in the press gallery of the Ontario Legislature. Miss Barr belongs to a literary family, being the sister of Robert Barr (Luke Sharp), and of James Barr (Angus Evan Abott), well known writers.

Premier Greenway, of Manitoba, will shortly make a formal demand upon the Dominion Government for the $253,000 which the Manitoba Government claims is due to the province, and which amount has been held back for years as a subject of dispute between the Dominion and the province.

The Canadian Horse Show at the Toronto Armories will be held on April 15, 16, 17 and 18. A prize of $50 will be offered for the most artistic design for a poster advertising the show. Robert Davies is chairman of the executive and Henry Wade and Stewart Houston joint secretaries.

Algonquin Park supplies many curiosities to the Crown Lands Department. This week a grand specimen of moose antlers arrived with the bones of two giant bull moose. The horns are locked together, and tell a story of a desperate duel in the bush, resulting in a double death. The horns will be given a place of honor in Sir Oliver Mowat's castle.

Ottawa is to have a curling bonspiel before the end of the month. The local curlers have agreed to a proposal from those of the Peterboro' district, including the club of Cobourg, Port Hope and Lindsay, for a 15 or 20-rink bonspiel with the curlers of the Ottawa district on the day the Peterboro' hockeyists are to be in Ottawa. It will be a half iron, half granite game.

During January the deposits in the Dominion Government Savings Banks aggregated $286,254, and the withdrawals $318,354. The balance at the end of the month to the credit of the depositors was $17,263,835.

Hamilton police have arrested two men suspected of the robbery of Mr. Cauley. The prisoners are Mark Tompkins and Michael Horn. Over $400 was found in the house where Horn was arrested, which is kept by a man named Lyons.

Mr. Henry Price, of Louth township, near Jordan, Ont., died on Friday afternoon, aged 75. About ten days ago Mr. Price commenced to bleed at the nose, and, as nothing could be done to stop the flow, he died from loss of blood.

Arrangements have been completed between the Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto amateur athletic associations for the formation of an amateur lacrosse league for the coming season. The Capitals of Ottawa and Shamrocks of Montreal are excluded and may form a separate league with Cornwall, unless that town goes in with the three first named organizations.

Shortly after two o'clock Friday afternoon Mr. John Conley, a clerk in the office of the Tuckett Manufacturing Co., of Hamilton, Ont., was assaulted by two men when within a block of the factory. One knocked him senseless with a club, and the other grabbed a satchel containing $1,150. The assault was witnessed from a distance by several people, but the highwaymen made good their escape.

The case of Mrs. Joseph Raynor, of Oakville, who was sentenced by Police Magistrate Denison, of Toronto, on Tuesday to thirty days in jail for taking thirty-five cents' worth of goods from the store of the John Eaton Co., has been brought to the attention of Minister of Justice Dickey. It is contended that the case is one of omission to pay rather than theft, and there is a probability of the woman's release.

Dyspepsia or Indigestion is occasioned by want of action in the biliary ducts, loss of vitality in the stomach to secrete the gastric juices, without which digestion cannot go on; also, being the principal cause of Headache. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills taken before going to bed, for a while, never fail to give relief and effect a cure. Mr. F. W. Ashdown, Ashdown, Ont., writes: "Parmalee's Pills are taking the lead against ten other makes which I have in store."

UNITED STATES.

Mayor Pingree, of Detroit, is a candidate for Governor of Michigan.

Theodore Durrant has been given another respite at San Francisco for twenty days.

Ogdensburg, N.Y., police have been instructed to arrest all boys under 16 found smoking cigarettes.

Grant Atterbury, charged with criminally assaulting a woman, was lynched by a mob at Sullivan, Ill.

Gen. Edgar B. Jewett, Mayor of Buffalo, is spoken of as a probable candidate for Governor of New York State.

St. John's R. C. church in Cleveland is considering a proposal to charge ten cents admission to the edifice on Sunday.

A St. Paul, Minn., despatch says a tremendous shake up among the Great Northern railway officials is expected.

Jerry Scott, colored, was sentenced at Jackson, Mich., to the penitentiary for life for beating to death his seven-year-old daughter.

Chicago and the West get but a little over three millions of the new United States loan, while New England gets nine millions.

Senator Quay has consented to have his name go before the Republican convention as a candidate for the United States presidency.

A movement is on foot in New York to secure the pardon and release of John Y. McKane, the Gravesend forger and Coney Island boss, who is reported to be ill in Sing Sing.

Thomas A. Edison, the inventor at Orange, N. J, said he would not be surprised if the new process of photography should yet be found able to kill bacteria in the human system.

Col. John A. Cockerill, the New York Herald representative in the far East, has been decorated by the Mikado with the third order of the Sacred Treasure, a distinction seldom conferred on foreigners.

Dyspepsia and Indigestion.—C. W. Snow & Co., Syracuse, N.Y., writes: "Please send us ten gross of Pills. We are selling more of Parmelee's Pills than any other Pill we keep. They have a great reputation for the cure of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint." Mr. Chas A. Smith, Lindsay, writes: "Parmelee's Pills are an excellent medicine. My sister has been troubled with severe headache, but these pills have cured her."

FOREIGN

The French Chamber of Deputies has passed a vote of confidence in the Ministry by 326 to 43.

A report by way of Siberia states that Dr. Nansen reached the North Pole and is now on his return journey.

The London Standard announces that Sir John Millais will succeed the late Lord Leighton as president of the Royal Academy.

It is stated in Irish circles that Mr. John Dillon seems to be the only alternative to Mr. Sexton for the leadership of the Irish party.

A correspondent of the New York Sun in London says that Mr. Gladstone will probably re-enter parliament with the object of securing an effective action for the protection of the Armenians.

The Brisbane river at Brisbane is greatly swollen, owing to the recent floods, and while a small steamer was crossing with about eighty passengers she capsized, and only forty persons were saved.

Sir William Harcourt stated in the British Commons that nothing had occurred to alter the home rule policy of the Opposition, and they continued to adhere thereto as they had recently.

The rebels in Corea have killed a small party of Japanese who were engaged in protecting the telegraph. The Russians have landed one hundred men and a gun at Chemulpo, and trouble is imminent.

Despatches from Seoul, Corea, say a revolt took place there during which the Prime Minister and seven other officials were murdered. The King and the Crown Prince were compelled to take refuge in the Russian Legation.

In the German Reichstag, Herr Bebel, Socialist, condemned the congratulatory telegram sent by the Emperor to President Kruger of the South African Republic, which, he said, had justly aroused the indignation of England.

The Government of Venezuela has notified United States Secretary Olney that it will at an early date furnish the Venezuela Commission with all the information in its possession touching the location of the boundary line.

TORONTO TOPICS.

Toronto, Feb. 22.

A meeting of the blanket manufacturers, held at the Walker House yesterday, decided to advance prices from three cents to five cents per pound. There has been a good deal of rate cutting lately and the manufacturers are desirous of putting an end to it.

An old lady, about 75 years of age, wandered into 102 Niagara street yesterday, and as she was unable to give an account of herself she was given shelter, and the police were notified. She said her name was McMillan, but could tell nothing more. She wore a fur cape and was fairly well clad.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has issued its special proportionate tariff, all rail, on grain, flour, oatmeal, millstuff, flaxseed, oilcake, and potatoes, in car loads, from Fort William and Port Arthur to points in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. These rates went into effect on the 15th of the present month. A copy of the rates is posted on 'Change.

Toronto Junction, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Zachariah Pollard dropped dead on Keele street, near the corner of Dundas, at about 4.45 o'clock this afternoon. The deceased, who was about 60 years of age, was a carpenter employed in the C. P. R. shops, and resided at the corner of Shaw and Argyle streets, city. He was hurrying to catch a street car for home when stricken down. Dr. Mevety happened to be within a few feet of him when he fell, and is of opinion that he was dead before his body struck the sidewalk. Coroner Clendenan was notified.

A New Boiler Compound.

Some very satisfactory experiments have been tried with a new boiler compound. This substance, in the form of a powder, is placed in a cup attached to the top of the boiler. The steam entering the cup condenses, and the moisture is quickly absorbed by the powder, which then gradually dissolves and passes into the boiler. The basis of the compound is metallic mercury, which, being set free in a finely divided state, impinges upon the surface of the tubes and plate, where it works its way under the scale. By the combined action of heat and pressure it mechanically breaks away the scale, and forms on the clear iron or steel an oxide, which forms a very thin coating similar to enamel. It is claimed that this enamel coating in a short time so fortifies the surface of the tubes and shell that corrosion and scale become impossible.

MAY PROCLAIM INDEPENDENCE.

A Startling Report From the South African Republic—Generosity to the Johannesberg Explosion Sufferers.

Pietermaritzburg, Feb. 21.—The Natal Times claims to have the best authority for the statement that the South African Republic will on February 27, the fifteenth anniversary of the Boer victory over the British under Gen. Colley at Majuba Hill, proclaim its independence.

London, Feb. 21.—A despatch to The Central News from Cape Town says that the report that the South African Republic intends to throw off the suzerainty of Great Britain and proclaim its independence is not credited in Cape Town. Sir Jacobus Dewet, the British Diplomatic Agent at Praetoria, has, however, taken his departure from that place, having been given a special conge, and this fact is regarded as being strange.

Johannesberg, Feb. 21.—President Kruger and the chiefs of the several Executive Departments of the Government of the South African Republic made an inspection of the scene of the dynamite explosion at Vliedendorp, a suburb of this city, yesterday and visited many of the injured men, women and children in the hospitals. President Kruger, after viewing the scene of devastation, declared that the Netherlands Railway Company, on board of whose cars the dynamite exploded, would have to pay the amount of the damage done, which is calculated at £1,000,000 at least. The President was greatly affected by the scenes in the hospitals and elsewhere, and in speaking later dwelt upon the splendid manner in which the people of Johannesberg sunk their race and other feuds and joined hands in relieving the distress of the hundreds who were in need of aid. President Kruger was elected President of the Relief Committee which was formed yesterday, and which has already collected £60,000.

The fund collected by the committee organized for the relief of the sufferers by the explosion of dynamite on Wednesday evening now amounts to £100,-000.

London, Feb. 21.—The Queen has sent a despatch to President Kruger expressing her sympathy for the victims of the explosion.

NEGOTIATIONS STOPPED.

French Rights in Newfoundland Will Continue as Before—Mr. Curzon's Statement in Parliament.

London, Feb. 21.—In the House of Commons this morning Mr. George N. Curzon, replying to a question by Sir Charles Dilke, stated that Great Britain and France had agreed to renew for the approaching season the modus vivendi relating to lobster fisheries in Newfoundland waters established in 1890. In consequence of this agreement, he said, the negotiations between Great Britain and France in regard to the general question of treaty rights would not now be proceeded with.

BARATIERI'S REPORT.

Losses of the Italians in the Abyssinian Campaign—Ten Thousand Men Ready to Embark.

Rome, Feb. 21.—The Minister of War has received the report of General Baratieri, commanding the Italian forces in Abyssinia, in regard to the recent combats between the Italians and the rebel bands near Adigrat. In these fights the Italians lost 97 killed and from 30 to 40 wounded, and the enemy's losses were about equal to those of the Italians. The report was laid before the Cabinet, which to-day authorized Signor Crispi to send to Abyssinia immediately whatever reinforcements of troops may be necessary. Ten thousand men are already in readiness to be embarked for Massowah to join General Baratieri's forces in the interior.

THE RING.

FITZ IN A MINUTE AND A HALF.

Langtry, Texas, Feb. 21.—It took Robert Fitzsimmons just 90 seconds this afternoon to defeat Peter Maher and become the heavyweight champion of America. The fight took place in the bottoms of the Rio Grande River on the Mexican side, a mile and a half distant from the Langtry depot. Even to his friends it was evident that the Irish lad was not in it from the start. Before the round had progressed 30 seconds Maher attempted a foul and was warned by the referee. Fitzsimmons' coup was in the form of one of his famous upper hooks, with which he knocked out Hall and broke the nose of Jack Steizner, his trainer. Maher made a gallant effort to get upon his feet when time was called, but after getting half way to a recumbent position he fell back, and still had his head on the floor when time was called and the decision was awarded to the Cornishman.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Result of the Preliminary Examination in the Strathy Murder Case—Brennan Refused to Plead.

Barrie, Feb. 21.—Michael J. Brennan, the assassin of Mr. J. A. Strathy, appeared before Police Magistrate Ross in the Court House this morning. Long before the hour the room was crowded. The prisoner when brought in walked with a steady step, but when he took his seat in the dock his nervousness was apparent. When the charge was read and the Magistrate asked him if he was guilty or not guilty, Brennan declined to plead.

The evidence was almost a repetition of that taken before the coroner's jury on Wednesday, except that several points were brought out to show that a scuffle took place at the door before the fatal shot was fired.

The prisoner was not represented by counsel, nor did he offer any defence. After the evidence was all in the Magistrate committed the murderer to jail to await his trial at the Spring Assizes, which open here April 7th.

COMING THIS WAY.

Possibility of Perrin's Comet Colliding With the Earth—Probable Results Serious—A Bombardment.

New York, Feb. 21.—A Sun special from Boston says: Perrine's comet is advancing towards the earth at the prodigious pace of 1,600,000 miles a day, and unless it changes its course it may hit the earth some time during Saturday, March 14. Prof. Lenschuer of the State University of California has just completed his calculations of the orbit of the new comet, which was discovered by Astronomer Berrine of the Lick Observatory a few days ago. His calculations convince him that the comet will take a new course on March 1 and sheer away from the earth. If, however, the professor has made a mistake of the millionth part of a unit in his figures the comet may strike us.

Prof. Pickering of Harvard University was seen last night and asked if it were possible for the comet and the earth to meet in collision. His re-

Found Dead at Dunnville.

Dunnville, Feb. 20.—The body of a middle-aged man was found early this morning lying beside the Grand Trunk Railway track in this village. From papers found on the body it was learned that the deceased had been lately employed in a brewery in Syracuse and that he had a wife and family living in Detroit. Letters found on the body bore the name of Henry Koerst. The body was still warm when discovered, and as Koerst was well and warmly dressed it is supposed he fell in a fit, or died from heart failure. The coroner did not think an inquest necessary. Koerst's wife has been communicated with regarding the disposition of the remains, but as yet nothing has been heard as to her wishes.

His Way Out.

The zeal of certain commentators, who "hold their farthing candle to the sun" with so much learning that they overlook plain statements of their text, is well satirized by a story of a certain actor, who brought out "Hamlet," with many erudite variations from the usual customs. For one thing he dressed Hamlet in a red cloak.

"Why do you do that?" he was asked.

"Because red was the mourning color of the royal house of Denmark."

"But how do you get over this passage in which Hamlet says: "'Tis not alone my inky cloak, good mother?'"

The Shakespearean was equal to the emergency.

"Don't you suppose they had red ink in Shakespeare's day?" [illegible]

LITTLE JESSIE MERCHANT, OF COLLINGWOOD, ONT.

FOR ELEVEN YEARS A SUFFERER FROM NERVOUS SPASMS.

A Desperate Case That Exceeded The Skill Of The Best Physicians.

No greater trial comes to parents than the sickness of their children. And when this trouble assumes the shape of nervousness the hope of the parents receives its severest test, for so seldom do children recover from disease of this character. They battle with it, it may be, for many years, but eventually the disease conquers, and the child dies. Jessie, the little daughter of Mr. H. E. Merchant, of Collingwood, Ont., had given her parents great anxiety, as for eleven years she had been a sufferer from nervous troubles. These would take the shape of spasms, and become so severe that she would be unable to control herself. The parents spared no effort to give to their loved one the health that is natural to child life. The father writes:

"I doctored with the most skilled physicians in Collingwood, without any relief coming to my daughter. I must have spent nearly $50 in this way. It is not to be wondered at that I was becoming thoroughly discouraged, and began to realize that it could only be a short time when our little one would pass from us. A friend influenced me to try South American Nervine, knowing something of the wonderful cures it had effected in the case of children troubled as was my little Jessie. The medicine was procured and given to the child, and she has never been so well and strong as since she commenced to use South American Nervine. When she began its use she was hardly able to move about, but now she can run around as other children. I am still giving her the medicine, seeing that it is effecting a permanent cure."

The secret of Nervine is that it operates directly on the nerve centers located in or near the base of the brain. It is when these are deranged with nervous trouble that much other trouble ensues. At least two thirds of chronic diseases originate in a derangement of the nerve centers. Nervine at once builds them up, fills the blood with richness, and so strengthens the nerve tissues that it is only a little while when disease drops from its victims as the shackles would drop from the slave who had received his freedom. The cures effected by this medicine, as with the case before us, are indeed remarkable, but such cures are being effected every day by South American Nervine. Use this remedy for nervous prostration, sick headache, hot flushes, sleeplessness, debility of the nerves.

Business-like.

Miggs—Are your daughters still in the matrimonial market?

Biggs—Yes, twenty per cent. discount to save shipment to Paris for the spring season.

A Troubled Mind.

Deacon Brown—I think Smith must have something on his conscience.

Deacon Jones—Why do you think so?

Deacon Brown—You never see him asleep in church.

All That Was Necessary.

Clara—My eyes are so bad that I am afraid I can't go to the opera this year.

Maude—Your hearing is still good, isn't it?

A Preference.

He—I think you have such a pretty name.

She—I like yours better.

WONDERFUL CURES.

SIMPLE AILMENTS, LIKE SMALL FIRES, EASILY STAMPED OUT.

People Will Talk—And We Listen And Learn—So May Every One—Wonders Worked By Dodd's Kidney Pills.

The greatest cures, we think, are the simple ones, the cures of the small beginnings of disease, where the misery and the harm to the constitution is escaped.

What a happy fact cure is!

How endlessly people will talk of their case!

With what evident enjoyment!

Some of these grateful patients never come to the city without calling to talk over cures effected by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

A man by the name of Joshua Clarkson, living at 114 Robert street, Toronto, came in the other day.

His life had been saved by using two boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

What was the disease?

Diabetes.

Yes; he had lost thirty-one pounds in weight in five weeks.

It took him seven weeks to regain his health and his avoirdupois.

No one could hear him talk and not take courage, be he ever so sick and ever so hopeless.

A full account of this case has appeared in this paper.

Then, not long ago, Samuel Murray came in, looking well, too. He is was who was paralyzed for a whole year, given up by ever so many doctors, and was cured by twelve boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

A reporter of a city paper saw him.

Seemed to think it impossible that a man could recover from such an illness.

There was no miracle about it, however. He used Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Hundreds of people are talking to each other about cures accomplished by this medicine, and these pills are selling everywhere faster than ever before.

And they always cure.

Is there anything more annoying than having your corn stepped upon? Is there anything more delightful than getting rid of it? Holloway's Corn Cure will do it. Try it and be convinced.

As Usual.

"So you are going into literature?"

"Yes."

"What will be your first article?"

"Advice to authors."

Children of To-day.

Teacher—And now, little girls, how can you show your gratitude to your parents for giving you a good education?

The Class (in chorus)—By marrying rich.

Not a Newspaper Lie.

Clergyman—I married a deaf and dumb couple yesterday.

Reporter—All right. I'll say it was a quiet wedding.

Canada's Drink Bills.

The following facts, compiled from the last published Dominion Statistical Year Book, go to show how the drink traffic "helps trade" in Canada. Such facts are well worthy of the serious consideration of every Canadian citizen, no matter what may be his views in regard to total abstinence. Official tables are given of the value of the different kinds of liquors imported into Canada for home consumption from 1877 to 1894 inclusive. The total value of these importations aggregated as follows:

Ale, beer and porter	$ 3,321,038
Cider	87,708
Malt for brewing	347,522
Spirits and wines	26,079,997
Grand total	$29,836,265

This amount represents merely the money that went out of Canada to pay for these liquors alone, at importers' wholesale prices. They were consumed from year to year, and what had Canada of the Canadians to show for all that outgo at the end of 1894? Simply nothing whatever that added one iota to the prosperity, health, advancement or happiness of the country. Surely there should be, as soon as possible, a prohibition of the importation of liquors.

GENERAL HARRISON ON THE PRESIDENCY.

The Ex-President Thinks a Chief Magistrate Should Not be Eligible to Re-Election.

Ex-President Benjamin Harrison will discuss "The Presidential Office" very comprehensively in his "This Country of Ours" series, in the forthcoming February Ladies' Home Journal. He will detail the provisions and methods of electing a Chief Magistrate, and will have much to say bearing upon the eligibility of a President for re-election; will give his views as to the length of the Presidential term, and express rather decided opinions relative to the annoyance to which Presidents are subjected from office seekers. The article is practical, based upon experience and observation, and is very timely. General Harrison believes that the fears (expressed by the framers of our Constitution) that the power of the office is such as to enable an ambitious incumbent to secure an indefinite succession of terms have never been realized. "In practice the popular opinion has limited the eligibility of the President to one re-election. But some of our leading and most thoughtful public men have challenged the wisdom of the four-year term, and have advocated six years, usually accompanied with a prohibition of a second term. And unless some method can be devised by which a less considerable part of the four year term must be given to hearing applicants for office and to making appointments, it would be wise to give the President, by extending the time, a better chance to show what he can do for the country. It must be admitted, also, that ineligibility to a second term will give to the Executive action greater independence. It seems unlikely, however, that any change in the Presidential term will be made unless some unexpected event should stir into action a thought that is now of a theoretical rather than a practical cast."

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SHIPPING NEWS.

The British Steamer Missouri at Falmouth With Fire in Her Hold—A Stranded Bark.

London, Feb. 21.—The British bark East Anglian, which sailed for Cardiff yesterday for Esquimalt, stranded off Penarth Head during a dense fog. The tides are running lower, and are consequently unfavorable for floating. The British steamer Kensington, Captain Bond, which arrived at Antwerp from New York, February 2, and proceeded to Shields for repairs, returned to Antwerp yesterday, her overhauling having been completed.

Falmouth, Feb. 21.—The British steamer Missouri, from London, February 19, for Philadelphia, has put in here with a fire in her hold. As the fire did not yield to the injection of steam and water into her hold, she was run ashore upon a mud bank and an endeavor was made to fill her hold with water. Latest advices are that the flames are gaining, and it is expected that her entire cargo will be burned.

Illicit Still Seized.

St. Thomas, Feb. 21. (Special.)—Inland Revenue Collector Alexander and Revenue Officers Cole, Wilson and Tracey of London drove to Sparta this morning, and returned this afternoon with J. Miner and J. Durdle, under arrest on the charge of illicitly manufacturing whiskey. In Miner's house they found and seized a still and worm, as well as about eight gallons of whiskey. The revenue officers three weeks ago received information that Durdle had purchased a still in London, and have since been on the watch. They think they have captured the first run made in the still. Miner, who is a man 65 years of age, owns a 200-acre farm near Sparta and is well off. He blames the whole matter on Durdle, who has been employed by him as hired man for the past three or four months. Durdle is 61 years of age. Both prisoners were lodged in jail, and will be arraigned before Police Magistrate White to-morrow.

The Murder of Mrs. Randolph.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Alfred Fields, colored, elevator boy at the Hotel Lexington, confessed to the police this morning that he murdered Mrs. Elle Randolph, whose mutilated body was found on a burning bed yesterday. Fields says he was to receive $75 from Edward Mackintosh, a former lodger with Mrs. Randolph, for the commission of the crime, the motive for which was a quarrel about money due Mrs. Randolph.

Caught in a Newspaper Press.

Brantford, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Chas. Coles, one of the pressmen in The Expositor press room, had his arm caught in a Gordon press. The arm was badly lacerated, and one of the arteries punctured.

A Little Indifferent.

Hey diddle diddle, a man with a fiddle,
Plays out in the light of the moon.
The little dog laughs to see such sport,
And has a mouth full of "pants" pretty soon.

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A Valuable Number.

The Youth's Companion of February 13th publishes an unusually valuable article for young men, by the Lord Chief Justice of England, on "The Bar as a Profession." Sound advice, taken from a long and varied experience, and wise encouragement are given to young and prospective lawyers. It is as readable as a story, yet will bear careful study.

Of eloquence Lord Russell says: "The desirable thing is to have something to say; and as to the manner of saying it, Daniel Webster spoke truly in his celebrated oration in honor of John Adams when he said, "Clearness, force, and earnestness are the qualities which produce conviction.'" Regarding the necessary qualifications for law: "Love of the profession for its own sake, and physical health to endure its trials, clear-headed common sense and ability to wait are the main considerations to be taken into account in determining a choice of the bar as a profession. If the youthful aspirant possesses these, success is, humanly speaking, certain. The lawyer must remember that while he is fighting for the interests of his client, there are greater interests even than these; the interests of truth and honor; and he must never forget, as Sir Alexander Cockburn well expressed it, "that in the battle his weapon must always be the sword of the soldier and never the dagger of the assassin."

For the next issue of The Companion, the Washington Birthday Number, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, the able inheritor of a great name, has written an interesting supplement to Lord Russell's article, presenting the subject from an American point of view. Appended to the article are a brief rejoinder by Lord Russell and a final comment by Mr. Justice Holmes.

Each issue of The Companion contains one or more articles of exceptional value, written by the ablest men and women of the age.

No Tails.

Cobble—Do you wear a clawhammer when you call on Miss Redbud?

Stone—No, a Tuxedo. The change was made after I had been introduced to her father's dog.

Muffins—A home-made and well tried recipe for muffins is, one pint sweet milk, butter size of an egg (or little smaller), salt, one egg, three heaped teaspoons baking powder, and flour to make stiff enough to drop nicely in the pan.

ON A BICYCLE TOUR.

A CLERGYMAN'S EXPERIENCE WITH LONG, HARD RIDING.

He Traveled Fully 3,000 Miles On His Wheel—He Makes Some Reflections On the Benefits of the Sport, and Tells of the Dangers.

From the Utica, N. Y., Press.

The Rev. Wm. P. F. Ferguson, Presbyterian minister at Whitesboro, whose picture we give below, will not be unfamiliar by sight to many readers. A young man, he has still had an extended experience as foreign missionary, teacher, editor, lecturer and pastor, that has given him a wide acquaintance in many parts of the country.

In an interview a few days ago he said: "In the early summer of '94 I went upon a tour through a part of Ontario on my wheel. My route was from Utica, to Cape Vincent, thence by steamer to Kingston, and from there along the north shore of the lake to Toronto and around to Niagara Falls. I arrived at Cape Vincent at 5 o'clock, having ridden against a strong head wind all day.

"After a delightful sail through the Thousand Islands, I stepped on shore in

that quaint old city of Kingston. A shower had fallen and the streets were damp, so that wisdom would have dictated that I, leg-weary as I was, should have kept in doors, but so anxious was I to see the old city that I spent the whole evening in the streets.

"Five o'clock the next morning brought a very unwelcome discovery. I was lame in both ankles and knees. The head wind and the damp streets had proved an unfortunate combination. I gave, however, little thought to it, supposing it would wear off in a few hours, and the first rush of sunlight saw me speeding out the splendid road that leads toward Napanee.

"Night overtook me at a little village near Port Hope, but found me still lame. I rested the next day, and the next, but it was too late; the mischief was done. I rode a good many miles during the rest of the season, but never a day and seldom a mile without pain.

"The winter came and I put away my wheel, saying 'now I shall get well,' but to my disappointment I grew worse. Some days my knees almost forbade walking and my ankles would not permit me to wear shoes. At times I suffered severe pain, so severe as to make study a practical impossibility, yet it must be understood that I concealed the condition of affairs as far as possible.

"From being local the trouble began to spread slightly and my anxiety increased. I consulted two physicians and followed their excellent advice, but without result. So the winter passed. One day in March I happened to take in my hand a newspaper in which a good deal of space was taken by an article in relation to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I did not at that time know what they were supposed to cure. I should have paid no attention to the article had I not caught the name of a lady whom I knew. Reading, I found that she had been greatly benefited by the use of Pink Pills, and knowing her as I did I had no doubt of the truth of the statement that she had authorized.

"The first box was not gone before I saw a change, and the third had not been finished before all signs of my rheumatic troubles were gone to stay.

"I say 'gone to stay,' for though there had been every opportunity for a return of the trouble, I have not felt the first twinge of it. I have wheeled thousands of miles and never before with so little discomfort. I have had some of the most severe tests of strength and endurance, and have come through them without an ache. For example, one afternoon I rode seventy miles, preached that night and made fifty miles of the hardest kind of road before noon the next day. Another instance was a 'century run,' the last forty miles of which were made in a downpour of rain through mud and slush.

"You should think I would recommend them to others? Well, I have, and have had the pleasure of seeing very good results in a number of instances. Yes, I should feel that I was neglecting a duty if I failed to suggest Pink Pills to any friend whom I knew to be suffering from rheumatism.

"No, that is not the only disease they cure. I personally know of a number of cures from other troubles, but I have needed them only for that, though it would be but fair to add that my general health has been better this summer than ever before in my life."

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NEW YORK TREASURE HOUSES.

"If the New York dry goods district should be destroyed to-night," said a business man to a representative of the Sun, "every great insurance company in the world would fail." Doubtless there is some exaggeration in such an opinion, but there are $900,000,000 worth of insurable goods in the comparatively small down-town area known as the dry goods district, to say nothing of buildings, furniture, and fixtures. London and perhaps Paris are the only other cities in the world that equal New York as treasure houses of manufactured goods.

A single wholesale and retail house in the fashionable shopping district of Broadway contains $11,000,000 worth of goods. Another house on Twenty-third street contains $6,000,000 worth. There must be scores of business houses containing from $1,000,000 to $5,000,000 worth of goods. The goods stored in three or four business districts would more than pay the national debt. The goods in the great clothing district run up into the hundreds of millions. The little jewelry district down-town is one of the richest urban areas in the world. Silverware, gold and jewels valued at hundreds of millions are stored in the district centered about Union Square. The samples of a single hat house brought at auction in a recent year $70,000. Some of the most precious articles in proportion to bulk are stored in the drug and chemical and perfumery houses in the region south of Fulton street and east of William. The book publishing district, now stringing itself along from Astor Place to Twenty-fifth street, is stocked with many million dollars' worth of books. Single buildings with their contents and the land they occupy are worth more than the assessed value of many a rural county in this state.

Gentle Reminder.

"Uncle" Peter Bates was a local celebrity who kept the tavern in Randolph, Vt., in the old staging days.

He was noted for his dry humor, and was never at a loss for a retort or for a method of expressing his ideas.

One morning, after breakfast, as a stranger was about to depart without paying his bill, Uncle Peter walked up to him and blandly said:

"Mister, if you should lose your pocket-book bewteen here and Montpelier, remember you didn't take it out here."

Useless Forebodings.

"What a vast proportion of our lives is spent in anxious and useless forebodings concerning the future—either our own or that of our dear ones! Present joys, present blessings slip by, and we miss half their sweet flavor, and all for want of faith in Him who provides for the tiniest insect in the sunbeam. Oh! when shall we learn the sweet trust in God that our children teach us—we, who are so mutable, so faulty, so irritable, so unjust, and He, who is so watchful, so pitiful, so loving, so forgiving? Why cannot we, slipping our hand into His every day, walk trustingly over that day's appointed path, thorny or flowery, crooked or straight, knowing that evening will bring us sleep, peace and home.—Phillips Brooks.

Finer Than Silk.

Whenever a man is thoroughly contented with himself and is able to [illegible] all the real pleasure out of life [illegible] may be in it, and wishes to [illegible] ple with the fact, he is apt to [illegible] impressions most effective [illegible] comparison. So, when a man [illegible] for the last [illegible] years of his life [illegible] ject slave to the appetite [illegible] writes to his friends that he [illegible] than silk" you may [illegible] something wonderful and [illegible] miraculous has happened [illegible] Yet that is what a resident [illegible] has just written to the [illegible] Lakehurst Institute, Oakv[illegible] something wonderful and [illegible] miraculous which happened [illegible] a course of the Double Chl[illegible] treatment at this [illegible] some fifteen months ago [illegible] hundreds of them, all feeling [illegible] silk" now, thanks to the [illegible] perience. There are thousands [illegible] might learn all their troubles [illegible] if they could only know [illegible] martyr to this appetite [illegible] treatment is what you [illegible] you feel 'finer than silk' [illegible] office, 28 Bank of Commerce B[illegible]

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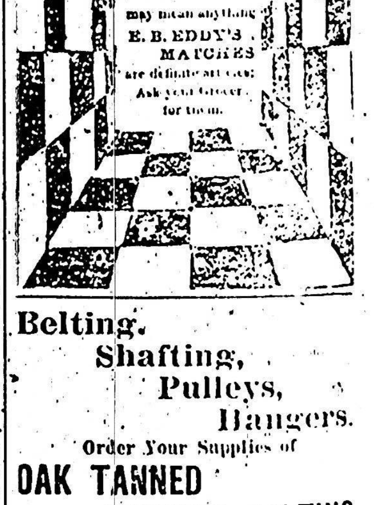

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LIFTED BY LOVE;

Or, How the Wharf Waif Became a Princess.

PUBLISHED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.

The closing of Baxter's wharf was a sad blow to him, but a worse came soon after, for being of a too active disposition he took to smuggling tobacco and rum from incoming ships, and being discovered by the excise was sent to prison, and the Joy lost its license. The brewers obtained a fresh license to sell beer and put Putty in to manage the house. When he came, the spring tides had flooded the cellar, and seeing it was of no use he had the trap screwed down to save the expense of putting new hinges on it. Since then, as I have said, no one had ever gone down into the cellar.

With these recollections crowding my mind and the means they suggested of delivering Taras filling my heart with a wild delight, I hurried down Ferryboat alley, and after looking about carefully to make sure that no one was observing me I wedged myself through the ventilating hole and dropped into the wharf cellar. I knew exactly where the opening existed, having taken part myself in some of the old marauding expeditions, and dropping down upon my hands and knees I brushed the dirt away from the stone that covered the hole. There was not enough light to see it, but I could trace the outline plainly enough with my fingers.

But how was I to raise the heavy flag. There was no ring or anything to catch hold of, and I knew that if I worked away the rubbish sufficiently to get my hands underneath I should still be unable to lift it. I must have something to pry it up with. A bar of iron would do. It struck me that I might find what I needed among the old iron in Johnson's yard. If I had thought of that beforehand, I might have brought it in with me, but I was too impatient of delay, too eager to begin, to waste time in regrets.

Clambering up to the ventilator I looked out. Some boys were playing on the shore. I dared not show myself while they were there. It seemed to me that they would never weary of throwing stones into the water, but at length they gave it up and went away. Then I slipped out, and pretending to be looking for odds and ends on the shore made my way up to Johnson's yard and got in through a gap in the paling. It didn't take long to find what I wanted—a broken stoking iron looked to be just the thing. Asking myself if there was anything else I should need, it occurred to me that a candle would be necessary, the cellar of the Joy being even darker than the wharf cellar. The gates of the yard opened into [illegible] ple lane, and as they closed [illegible] I was just able to squeeze through, thanks to being a kipper.

When I had bought a halfpenny candle and a box of matches [illegible] money given me by Putty, [illegible] ling of my knees and a feeling [illegible] ness reminded me that I had eaten nothing all day, so I bought a small [illegible] some cold fish and treated myself to a cup of coffee with my last [illegible]. The hot coffee set me up [illegible] and with revived energy I returned to the yard and hiding the bar under my dress sneaked back to the [illegible] after another cautious look [illegible] finding the coast clear [illegible] stoking iron through the [illegible] followed it almost [illegible].

It was a harder job than I [illegible] move the flagstone and get it out of the way. But I stuck to it [illegible] spiration running down my [illegible] the sensation of [illegible] again, I had to give over [illegible] had eaten my loaf and [illegible]. At length, having worked [illegible] aside, about a foot out [illegible] knelt down to feel at [illegible] large enough for me to [illegible] (for I had not lit the candle [illegible] work), and then to my [illegible] covered that the [illegible] had filled the hole with [illegible] ing down on the ground [illegible] cried with the [illegible] and disappointment [illegible] Taras desperation over [illegible] ments, and springing up [illegible] tore at the rubbish with [illegible] hemently like a dog in a [illegible] mined to reach Taras [illegible] dig my way to him through the earth.

Happily the rubbish was [illegible] yielded readily to my [illegible] more happily there was no [illegible] or five feet of it, or I might [illegible] got down to the tunnel [illegible] termination. An empty [illegible] down had got jammed [illegible] a third of the way down [illegible] the space was empty [illegible] took me many hours [illegible] out, having nothing to dig with [illegible] hands, and nothing [illegible] carry it up in when I got down [illegible] distance, and then the box [illegible] first sight seemed to have been [illegible] by the hand of Providence [illegible] afterwhile to have been [illegible] worst enemy, for it defied all [illegible] to loosen it, until my patience and strength were well nigh exhausted. Then I had to get to the top and [illegible] out, which was even more difficult [illegible] o'clock struck before that task was accomplished.

I had been compelled to [illegible] die to get the box out [illegible] now not more than an inch [illegible]. I blew out the light and [illegible] in my pocket [illegible] along the tunnel [illegible] be needful when I [illegible] the Joy. There were [illegible] side of the shaft [illegible] serve as steps. The [illegible] enough, but at the [illegible] stacle presented itself [illegible] in water. If the tide [illegible] be impossible to get [illegible] that part of the [illegible] under water at the [illegible].

Dropping on my knees [illegible] forward, entering the [illegible] thick ooze was high over [illegible] still if they were all [illegible] level the passage was [illegible] open. The ooze might [illegible] earth that had silted [illegible] course of years left [illegible] tion by a receding tide [illegible] was wet with the [illegible] question made me [illegible] patient desire to go [illegible] before I could get [illegible] lar, all escape would [illegible] hemmed in we should [illegible] mercy of Drago and [illegible] other hand, if I waited [illegible] risen and fallen again, it might [illegible] late to save Taras.

I backed out of the run [illegible] into the cellar and raising my [illegible] the casement of the ventilator [illegible] out. The water was certainly [illegible] whether it was rising or falling I could not tell. As I looked out a clock [illegible] the half hour past 10. At 11 the [illegible] would be closed. Then anything [illegible] happen to Taras. One thing was [illegible] ably ever [illegible] the two men [illegible] down into the cellar, if only to [illegible] Taras was still alive. But they [illegible] have, and probably had made [illegible] ments with the other man to [illegible] away from the Joy, in which case [illegible] waited till the tide had risen and [illegible] I should find the cellar empty when [illegible] reached it.

This reflection and a belief that the tide was yet some distance below high water mark decided me to make the attempt at once and run the risk of being imprisoned by the tide. At any rate, I said to myself, "I shall be a prisoner with him."

Without another moment's hesitation I dropped down into the run, put my matches and candle end in a part of my dress where they were least likely to get wetted, and then crawled along the run through the slush, which, to my satis-