Crime in Prohibition Maine.

PORTLAND, Jan. 9.—Crime has been rampant in Maine during the past year. Two policemen have been shot without warning; old man Bennett, who had $80,000 in his house, has been robbed and almost killed, and there have been other crimes in border towns which, though less famous, have been far worse than those named. For months Portland has been infested by a gang of burglars, who have plundered houses and snatched purses from women and boys on the streets. It has been impossible for the police to get a clue to the gang. In the suburbs of Portland affairs have been still worse. In the manufacturing towns of Saccarappa and Cumberland Mills there have been a series of mysterious robberies, the thieves often visiting the same places and making hauls three or four times. To-day, from Cumberland Mills, comes a story of one of the worst robberies and murders that has been reported in Maine for years.

NEWS ITEMS.

A dynamite scare was started at Cork yesterday.

Musulmans at Jeddah have risen against the Christians.

Sir Wilfred Blunt is quietly complying with the prison rules.

The German Crown Prince's condition continues to improve.

Mr. John Walter, proprietor of The London Times, has been made a peer.

Gossip says that Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland is about to marry a young clergyman.

News to the effect that Stanley had joined Emin Bey reached Cairo in December.

No agreement was reached at the meeting of the Fisheries negotiators yesterday.

John Ruskin is out with another letter bewailing the decadence of the present age.

A gunboat and a force of marines have been sent to Lewis to quell the Crofter outbreak.

The concentration of troops in Russia Poland is said to be more active now than ever.

The sugar "combine" in Montreal has succeeded in squeezing the hostile firms into a surrender.

The debt of New York city is $132,823,066, against $131,601,103 at the close of 1886.

Gas has been struck in the Sanaca Falls N. Y. wells. At noon yesterday a 10-foot flame was burning.

The weather is moderating in the Northwest. The snowdrifts in Montana and Dakota are enormous.

It is rumored that the Powers will shortly make a move towards the removal of Prince Ferdinand.

Earthquake shocks were felt yesterday morning at many points in Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec.

A consignment of choice West Highland cattle will shortly be shipped to America for breeding purposes.

Miss Cody, Buffalo Bill's clever daughter, has met with great social success in Manchester, England.

The proposed repressive measures against the Socialists are likely to be passed in the German Reichstag.

Mr. MacArthur, Independent, defeated Mr. Ness, the Government candidate, in Assiniboia, Man., on Tuesday.

Kossuth, who is now living in the strictest seclusion at Turin, is in excellent health, despite his 86 years.

The Earl of Meath has a scheme of state aided emigration on a large scale to propose to the Imperial Government.

Dr. Philip Cross, formerly a surgeon in the 53d Regiment, was hanged at Cork on Tuesday for the murder of his wife.

The greatest railway builder in the country is "Jim" Hill; and he's a Canadian.—Chicago Canadian American.

It is reported that Prince Bismarck, feeling the approaches of old age, has selected Count Hatzfeldt as his successor.

The Empress of Austria is suffering from rheumatism and has been ordered to spend the remainder of the winter in Egypt.

The Quebec Government are now said to have negotiated a million-dollar four per cent. loan with the Credit Lyonnais, of Paris, at 95.

Another plot against the Czar has been discovered, and the New Year court festivities will be be cut short in consequence.

The Boston and Portland express train was wrecked at Haverhill on Tuesday, nine people being killed and over fifty wounded.

The Manitoba Legislature meets to-day, when, it is expected, the Harrison Government will find themselves facing a hostile majority.

Maggie Brady, who keeps a house of ill fame in Woodville, R. I., Tuesday night shot and killed Chas. Schneider, aged 22, a weaver.

Lake Huron is lower than the oldest residents ever saw it. The water is two feet below the lowest point of a year and a half ago.

A meeting of the Quebec Cabinet was held Tuesday evening. It was decided not to call the Legislature together before the middle of March.

San Martin Teak, in the State of Vera Cruz, Mexico, has been belching forth dense smoke for some time. It is thought the mountain will become an immense volcano.

It is said that the Dominion Government has under consideration the question of maintaining the communication between Victoria, B. C., and San Francisco by water.

The mile track on the ice on the Humber has been measured accurately and brushed and is now in first class condition. There will be a trotting race to-morrow afternoon.

Mrs. Herman Ponsford, wife of a fireman who was killed by the explosion at St. Thomas in July last, has entered suit against the Grand Trunk railway, claiming $10,000 damages.

The Labor Commissioners have decided to remain at London a week, at Hamilton two weeks, at St. Catharines two days, at Galt two days, and they will go back to Toronto for a couple of weeks.

The Young Liberal and Young Conservative clubs of Toronto will meet in public debate on the 30th of this month. Three members of each club will be selected to take part in the debate.

The Utah Legislature met at Salt Lake on Monday and organized both branches. There are three Gentiles and twenty-one Mormons in the lower house, and two Gentiles and ten Mormons in the upper.

Fourteen convicts at Sing Sing experienced a change of heart one day and the Warden at once ordered every one of them locked up in strong cells. He says that "getting religion" in State prison always means some new devilitry.

The report issued to shareholders of the gambling bank at Monaco informs them that the game never had so profitable a season as the last. It concludes with this cheering bit of statistical information: "There were seventy-six suicides during the season."

John Smith, the London legacy swindler, was tried on Monday by the police magistrate on several charges of fraud. He was found guilty on the first charge and sentenced to two months. On the second a similar sentence was imposed, to run concurrent with the first. The third charge was dismissed.

Mr. Guimaraes, a Portuguese inventor, is said to have made a new repeating gun called the Archimedes, which requires neither powder nor compressed air. It is a clever arrangement of extremely powerful springs, and is said to carry quite as far as any ordinary army rifle.

Pope Leo is very frugal. When elected Pope it is related of him that when he first sat down to dinner he found an extra dish on the table prepared in honor of his election. To the servant he said, "Do you think I can eat more as Pope than as Cardinal. Don't let this occur again. I shall regulate my own stomach."

Wm. Craig, of Nilestown, formerly license inspector of East Middlesex, is dead. The deceased had suffered from consumption for years, and there is reason to believe his death was hastened by being locked up in jail for an infraction of the Scott Act. The Minister of Justice on being appealed to, subsequently ordered his discharge, and since then he has been very low.

The leading congregations of Beaverton have refused to let Mrs. Yeomans lecture in their churches, and Mr. Alex. Hamilton, proprietor of the well-known Hamilton House hotel and Alexandria Hall, who has been specially persecuted of late by the Scott Act people, has kindly offered his hall, one of the largest and finest in the district, to the lady for one or more nights free of charge.

William Shelby, of Rutland, Vt., was a member of the Salvation Army and remarkably vigorous in his religious demonstrations. The other day he suddenly became insane, stabbed his 7-year-old daughter in the back with a jacknife, had a hard tussle with his 10-year-old boy, whom he tramp'ed on and hurt severely, and then rushed into the street and began shouting and praying. He was engaged in this when he was arrested.

Schleswig boasts of a spinsters' insurance company. At the birth of a girl the father inscribes the child's name in the books of the company and pays a certain sum every year. When his daughter reaches her twenty-fourth year and is still unmarried she is entitled to a certain income and a couple of well-furnished rooms in a house belonging to the company, which is inhabited by other spinsters who have become members. In case she dies or marries all her rights are ferfeited and the money paid in reverts to the company.

The Wiarton Chronicle [illegible] that the Scott Act supporters [illegible] municipal elections throughout Grey County. A similar story comes from Bruce, where, according The Herald, many candidates only saved their seats by repudiating the Scott Act and openly drinking the boys in the evenings.

Mr. Justice Patterson opened the court at Picton, Ont., on Friday on complaints arising during the last election to the Dominion Parliament. Rodman Ostrander and David Wellbanks, for bribing electors, were each sentenced to pay a fine of $50 and costs of the prosecution and the former to two days in gaol and the latter, three days. Thos. Collier, for taking a bribe, was sentenced to pay a fine of $5 and two days' gaol.

A few months ago C. W. McAllister opened up offices at Tilsonburg, St. Catharines and elsewhere, and hung out a shingle inscribed, "The National Law Protection and Collection Agency," and in his windows printed, "All debts one and six years old promptly collected." A number of storekeepers paid an initiation fee of from $3 to $6, and gave him accounts to collect, from which they never received any returns. Last week Mr. McAllister disappeared, and these men are out of their money.

The Earl of Meath, who has always taking a leading part in the movement favoring State-aided emigration, is about to propound to the Government a fresh scheme for emigration on a large scale. This action is taken because of the Government's recognition of the principle of State help in the transference of the Scottish Crofters to British Columbia.

"Muscular Christians" are not quite so fashionable as they were just after a popular clerical novelist brought them into vogue. But the village of Cable, Ohio, possesses a clergyman of this type not surpassed by any hero of fiction. A rowdy deliberately interrupted the service and insulted a lady, when the parson gave him the severe punishment he deserved. Three blows, each a knockdown, were sufficient for the ruffian, and taught him to pay due respect in future to the church militant.

The cisco fishery off Port Dalhousie has been good this year. In one good haul lately, the Hand Brothers took 10,000 fish. The nets are laid from three to six miles from shore, far below the surface, and visited every few days. The work is one of great peril and hardship, from storm and cold, at this time of year. The ciscoes are all sent from the fishing ground to a merchant in Hamilton, who completes the curing process, and markets them. The industry is of recent growth.

The recently published report of the condition of the American Indians states that 38 per cent. of them wear civilized clothing, 31,000 families are engaged in industrial pursuits, 25,000 Indians speak English and 10,000 Indian children attend school. The Indians have under culavation 588,000 acres of land, from which they raised last year 75,000 bushels of wheat, 468,000 bushels of oats, 950,000 bushels of corn, 68,000 bushels barley and rye, 614,000 bushels of vegetables and 88,000 pounds of butter. Furthermore, they own 1,120,000 domestic animals.

Rev. A. C. Courtice, of the Parliament Street Methodist Church, Toronto, preached a sermon on Sunday on the recent municipal elections, referring to the election of Mr. E. F. Clarke as a triumph for the liquor party, and said it was unfortunate that the citizens of Toronto had allowed that party to resume control, as formerly exercised, and he asserted that no longer could the city be held up as an example to other places. The sermon is the subject for considerable dissatisfaction among the congregation, and a number have expressed a determination to leave as their expression of opinion.

Plumping for municipal candidates seems to have become a serious abuse in some parts of the Province. By careful organization and combination one part of a township is enabled to elect a majority of the council. This majority controls the expenditure of the municipality, and the distribution may not always be according to strict equity. The Guelph Mercury suggests that possibly it may be necessary for the Legislature to declare that a ballot with less than three crosses upon it shall not be counted. This could be evaded, however, by simply selecting three candidates from the stronger half of the township. It is likely some member of the Legislature will have a bill on the subject at the approaching session, or the Municipal Commission may think it worth while to suggest a remedy.—Globe.

A story comes from Honolulu that after Queen Kapiolani and her daughter got home from their recent trip to Europe they caused to be put into shop windows pictures of themselves taken in London in the superb court costumes that they had bought in Paris. A native mob passed resolutions denouncing this breach of Sandwich Island customs as to clothing, visited all the shops where the pictures were displayed, destroyed the portraits, and then went to the palace and demanded that the costumes themselves be delivered them. The royal ladies had to yield, and saw the triumphs of Worth torn in pieces by the mob. A promise was then exacted that the Queen and Princess hereafter would wear only the native costume, and the mob broke up.

At Niagara Falls milk is selling at four cents a quart.

Brantford is excited over the question of a pure water supply.

Canadian railway securities were strong on the London market last week.

The protest against Mr. Cargill, M.P., Bruce North, has been withdrawn.

At Morris, Man., the ruling price for hard wheat is 50 to 54c., per bushel.

The first through freight train on the new line passed Sault Ste. Marie on Sunday.

The Birmingham canals burst near Dudley. Hundreds of families were rendered homeless.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has erected a handsome station at Smith's Falls at a cost of $40,000.

The vote on the petition to repeal the Scott Act in Westmoreland, N. B. will take place on Feb. 16.

The number of transactions in the Manitoba Land Titles office last year was 4,328, and the revenue $12,716.

The Montreal police are on the lookout for counterfeiters who are circulating bogus bills of the Bank of Commerce.

It is said that Queen Victoria has given her assent to Valentine Baker's restoration to the British army, but he died without knowing it.

Application will be made to Parliament for powers to construct a railway from a point on the C. P. R. to the head of Okangan Lake.

The Canadian Pacific Navigation company of Victoria, B. C., will have constructed a Clyde steamer, costing $100,000, for service between Victoria and Vancouver.

The jury at the iuquest on the victims of the C. P. R. collision found conductor Cochrane, his engineer and operator Lawson responsible. These three were arrested and are now in Port Arthur gaol.

Gen. Middleton, in a paper on the Canadian militia in Colburn's United Service Magazine, declares that he will back Canadian gunners to fight their guns against any artillery in the world.

Judge Miller, county judge of Waterloo county, Ont., has forwarded his resignation to the Government on account of old age and ill health. It is probable that Junior Judge Lecourse will be promoted.

In all probability the kindergarten system will be established in connection with the public schools at Kingston during next term. The Knights of Labor are urging the School Board to take the step.

It is reported from Washington that the British representatives will allow American fishermen the privileges they claim in Canadian waters until such time as the dispute is terminated by the proposed Board of Arbitation.

Merritton is a Scott Act village, and yet, we are informed, one or more of the saloon keepers there were officially notified to close their places of business on Monday. This is very funny, if you see the point.—St. Catharines Star.

The writ for the new election for the Ontario Assembly in Dundas County has been issued. Nomination will take place on the 16th and polling on 23rd January. D. S. Chamberlain is the Reform candidate and Mr. Whitney the Conservative.

Fred Cooper, formerly of Hamilton, who recently got himself disliked by paying unwelcome addresses to a young lady of Trenton and pointing a revolver at her brother-in-law, has been sentenced to two months in the Hastings county jail, at hard labor. The punishment was for pointing the revolver.

Later reports from Australia confirm the opinion that Hanlan gave Beach a very hard race. The Australian was so exhausted at the finish that he had to be helped from his boat, while the Torontonian, who was closing the cap which his opponent had opened, st epped vigorously on to land. Hanlan, with his sea sickness and boil, was in hard luck. Beach evidently was wise in resigning the championship before Hanlan challenged him for another race.

SCOTT ACT ARREST.—Mr. Thomas Little, jun., hotel keeper of Palermo, was arrested yesterday evening by License Inspector Brothers, protected by the London detective whom he has imported, and was lodged in jail. He will appear before Beak Young to-day on a charge of Scott Act violation. Father and son are now in jail together. Thos. Little, sen., having been incarcerated about a week ago for neglecting to pay a Scott Act fine.

DIED.

BARBER—Suddenly, at Georgetown, on Saturday morning, January 7th, 1888, Joseph Barber, Esq., aged 72 years.

MACDOUGALL—At Riverside, Southern California, on January 5th, Frank Marshall Macdougall, fourth son of Hon. Wm. Macdougall, C. B., Ottawa, in the 33rd year of his age.

DEWAR—At his residence, Milton, on Wednesday, Jan. 11th, John Dewar, County Crown Attorney, County of Halton, aged 58 years and 4 months.

The funeral will leave his late residence on Friday, 13th January, at 2 p. m., for the New Cemetery, Milton.

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