

## REMINDERS.

FRIDAY.  
"ERMINIE" at the Opera House.  
TEA AND CONCERT of Cooke's Church at the City Hall.

SATURDAY.  
TENDERS received for real estate by Geo. Moser at 12 o'clock.  
TENDERS received by Macdonnell & Mudie for stock and fixtures till 2 p.m.

## BORN.

McRAE.—In Renfrew, 3rd Dec., wife of P. McRAE, of a son.  
BROUGHAM.—At Eganville, Dec., 12th, wife of Wm. Brougham, of a daughter.

## MARRIED.

SHEA-ARMITAGE.—At Camden East, Tuesday, Dec. 13th, by Rev. Mr. Elliott, D. W. Shea, to Miss Sudica O. D. Armitage, all of Kingston Township.

## WANTED.

A COOK—IMMEDIATELY. Apply to Mrs. S. BIRCH, 136 Bagot St.

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## TO-LET.

A HOUSE containing five rooms. Apply to A. PIPER, Wade Lane, on the premises.

FURNISHED SITTING ROOM and Bed room, with or without board. Apply through this office.

FOUR OF THE NEW TWO-STORY BRICK Dwellings, with extension, in Dunn Terrace, corner Bagot and Bay Sts. Apply to Mrs. C. A. HICKEY, Dry Goods and Millinery, Princess St.

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## FOR SALE OR TO-LET.

FINE CITY HOME. The undersigned offers for sale that DESIRABLE HOUSE AND LOT now occupied by him on Earl Street. The whole is offered in one block, having about one hundred and twenty feet frontage on Earl Street, and the Upper Lot runs through to West Street. The BUILDINGS on the property are almost new, and the garden is planted with the choicest fruits. For terms apply to THOS. MOORE.

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Sale on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
Great Bargains at 200 PRINCESS STREET by Private Sale.

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Admission—25c; Children, 10c.  
J. N. HARDING,  
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THAT SOLID BRICK RESIDENCE on George Street, near Queen's University, contains fourteen rooms, including bath room and all modern improvements. The interior is finished in natural woods, and the whole building is thoroughly heated with hot water. For terms apply to the undersigned, on the premises. W. NEWLANDS, JR.

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To the Electors of Catarqui Ward  
I respectfully solicit your votes and influence as Alderman for the ensuing year.  
DR. D. PHELAN.

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F. A. FOLGER, -General Ticket Agent,  
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## MARRIED THEN AND THERE.

Betrothed Over a Glass of Beer and Wedded in a Restaurant.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The most unique wedding that ever occurred in Chicago was solemnized at the Union saloon. Mrs. A. L. Pearson, a widow 32 years of age, recently came to Chicago from Sweden and secured a situation as waitress in a restaurant. F. A. Byerle, a saloon-keeper on that street, was in the habit of taking his meals in at the restaurant, and an acquaintance soon sprang up between him and the waitress. The saloon-keeper is a man of considerable property. He was an ardent lover, and the flame that burned in his heart met with a responsive spark in the waitress' breast. The day for the wedding was set, but postponed on account of a petty quarrel. Then Byerle met his fiancée and the pair went into the Union cafe to get lunch and a glass of beer. Over a mug of the amber-colored fluid their troth was again plighted and vows of constancy renewed.

"When will you be mine?" asked Byerle. The widow blushed, looked coyly out of her sparkling blue eyes, and said that she was willing to become his wife at any time he might desire.

"Will you marry me now?"

"Yes, now and here," was the response, "just as soon as you can get a clergyman."

Byerle despatched a messenger to the city hall, where the services of "Judge" Murphy were enlisted. The guests were notified of the approaching ceremony, and a basket of wine was opened by the groom.

## A DISASTER IN CHINA.

Ten Cities Completely Inundated by the overflowing of the Yellow River.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The steamship City of Sydney arrived to day from Hong Kong and Yokohama. Chinese papers give details of a disaster occasioned by the Yellow river overflowing its banks in the province of Hanan, and describe it as one of the most appalling disasters in loss of life and property recorded in recent times. The river broke its banks on the evening of Sept. 28th, south-west of the city of Ching Chow, and not only completely inundated that city, but also ten other populous cities. The whole area is now a raging sea ten to thirty feet deep. It was once a densely populated and rich plain. The former bed of the Yellow river is now dry and the present lake was the bed of the river centuries ago. The loss of life is incalculable, and the statement is made by missionaries that millions of Chinese are homeless and starving.

## THE CROWN PRINCE'S CASE.

The Actual State of His Case—And the Cancer Still Growing.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The *British Medical Journal* says it has the following trustworthy information from San Remo, regarding the crown prince. A few days ago an excrescence the size of a hemp seed was detected on the left ventricular band, which had previously been free from disease. Two days later a second tiny speck was noticed near the first. They soon became fused, forming one wart-like mass, and growing so quickly that the vocal chord on that side is now hidden from view. There is no immediate danger, and the prince suffers no pain, but in its purely medical aspect the case is one of great complexity.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—A despatch from San Remo to the *Cologne Gazette* says the doctors, on examining the crown prince, found symptoms of congestion of the larynx, with slight swelling and hoarseness.

## THREATENED WITH A BOYCOTT.

Important Sale of Timber Limits by the Ontario Government at Toronto.

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—Yesterday's sale of timber limits by the Ontario government is threatened with a boycott by Canadian lumbermen. The boycott was decided upon by the lumbermen after their interview with Messrs. Mowat and Pardee, but it will not be accepted if sufficient pledges are not secured to justify its success. At no previous timber sale in this city has there been such a large gathering of lumbermen. Many of them are here to attend the sale, whilst others came to interview the government for the redress of grievances. The lumbermen representing Canada attending the sale are worth \$23,000,000, while the Americans present represent a capital of \$20,000,000.

## THE DIFFICULTY BRIDGED OVER.

No Central Executive Lodge—A Sensation Occurring at Sheehy's Trial.

DUBLIN, Dec. 16.—The dispute among the members of the Gaelic athletic association has been adjusted on the basis that in the future there will be no central lodge. The nationalists charge the castle authorities with fomenting dissent with the view of using the association against the league.

At the trial of Mr. Sheehy, M.P., yesterday the defendant's solicitor called an opposing witness a perjurer, and declared that the magistrates were suggesting the answers witness should give. The solicitor's language caused a great sensation, and the court adjourned to consider how to deal with him.

## The Election Yesterday.

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 15.—Loyitt, liberal, is elected in Yarmouth. Total vote, Loyitt, 1,519; Crosby, conservative, 983. The full returns from Shelburn county give Gen. Laurier, the government candidate a majority of six over Thomas Robinson.

## SENSATION AT TRENTON.

A FRESCO-PAINTER ON TRIAL FOR POINTING A REVOLVER.

Cooper Woos a Pretty Maiden Against Her Brother's Will—The Devoted Lover Horsewhipped by a Sister—A Scene at L. U. C. Titus' House—The Jury Found Him Guilty.

BELLEVILLE, Dec. 15.—The Barber-Cooper case was begun to-day at the county court and attracted great attention. Fred Cooper, a fresco painter, was the prisoner. He had been in goal since October. Cooper, a good scholar, was charged with carrying a revolver on the 16th October, with the intent to do injury to Robert A. Barber. Miss Minnie Flindall lived happily with him and his wife, her sister, until October. She was then scarcely twenty-one years of age. One Saturday night she went to Lawyer Titus; she paid a second visit on Sunday night. Barber was asked to go after her on that night, and called at Titus' house. He asked Miss Flindall to come away with him, and when she rose to go Cooper took her by the arm, and with a revolver in his hand, said to Barber:

"Stand back or there will be blood shed." Mr Titus interfered and said he would throw Mr. Barber out, that if Miss Flindall wished to go away quietly she might do so, but he would not have a row in the house.

"Was Cooper a married man?"

"All that I know was from a letter from the chief of police of Barrie."

Mr. Dickson objected to this question. James A. Barber corroborated the evidence of his brother. He said he heard Minnie say:

"Don't let them take me, Fred." "Fred had his arm," he said, "around Minnie, but he could not say that she was returning the compliment. They stood as close together as they could in that position for about fifteen minutes."

Byron Flindall said Cooper and Miss Flindall, his sister, were at his place on the Sunday afternoon. She stopped a couple of hours, but Fred only remained half an hour. Mrs. N. A. Barber, his eldest sister, gave Fred a horsewhipping, which shortened his visit. Continuing, he said: "Cooper was not leaving fast enough and I took up a stone to hit him. Cooper drew a revolver and said, 'Byron, I'll shoot you if you throw that stone.' Cooper was ordered out, but did not go until my sister got at him with a horsewhip. Minnie went away afterwards and I saw her again that evening at Titus'. There she threw her head on his shoulder and said, 'Don't let them take me.' Fred put his arm round her, and drawing a pistol, threatened to shoot Barber if he took her away."

"I'll marry Fred if it's in twenty five years." Minnie's relatives were opposed to her marrying Cooper after what they heard him say.

"What was that?"

Mr. Dickson objected, but the judge overruled it.

"What was it that Cooper said?"

"He told me that he married a girl when he was full, when he was on a bum. I said that was enough for me. He said he could prove that his wife was dead, that he would shortly have the papers to prove it."

## Cooper Has Been Convicted.

BELLEVILLE, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Minnie Flindall, the heroine in the case, was on the stand for two hours yesterday afternoon. She is a somewhat pretty hoyden, and her self-possession and fortitude vastly amused the crowded court room. She said Cooper's acquaintance with her began last spring. He pointed a pistol at her brother in Mr. Titus' house last October and said that he would sooner swing for R. A. Barber than any other man. Cooper was married, but said his wife was dead. He wrote from Ogdensburg to have her go there and marry him, and then if the first wife should not be dead there could be a divorce and another marriage. She stated emphatically that she would never marry Cooper.

She wrote a letter to him in goal on Oct. 22nd. Afterwards she was on a visit to Camden East and wrote a letter to Mrs. Robinson, Brandon, Cooper's home, exculpating Cooper from blame.

For the defence Mr. and Mrs. L. U. C. Titus swore that the revolver was not loaded and that Miss Flindall threw herself into Cooper's arms crying, "For God's sake Fred don't let them take me away." The jury was out an hour and returned a verdict of guilty. Cooper will be sentenced on Tuesday.

## VOTING AT THE BAZAAR.

The Finish of the Contest for a Parlor Lamp—Ald. Drennan Takes It.

When the poll was closed at the Children of St. Mary's bazaar last night it was shown that Ald. Drennan had polled 281 votes and Ald. Thompson 247. Two canvassers were appointed for each candidate, Misses Kelly and Flanagan for the former, and Misses Frankie and Katie Coakston for the latter. The Misses Coakston worked hard and energetically to secure the election of Mr. Thompson, but were considerably handicapped by about a dozen who had undertaken to canvass for Mr. Drennan. Had the defeated candidate had as many canvassers as the successful one there is no doubt but that he would have been elected by a sweeping majority. Mr. Drennan was presented with a magnificent parlor lamp.

## Death of a Good Girl.

On Thursday Miss Ida Campion, daughter of the late Charles Campion, died at her residence, Division street. While in life she was beloved and respected by all. For a long time she was a sufferer from consumption, but bore her affliction with Christian fortitude and forbearance up to the last. Her remains were interred to-day. The funeral was a large one.

## Food for Consumptives.

Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, with Hypophosphites, is a most marvelous food and medicine. It heals the irritation of the throat and lungs, and gives flesh and strength quicker than any other remedy known. It is very palatable, having none of the disagreeable taste of the crude oil. Put up in 50c. and \$1 size.

## Stealing for Years.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Joseph Knight, book-keeper of the Manufacturers' National bank, was charged with stealing from the bank between \$60,000 and \$70,000. It is said that Knight has been appropriating to his own use the bank's money for nearly twenty-five years.

James Fax arrived from Toronto this morning. He will sing at a concert to be held in the city hall to night.

## THE PITH OF THE NEWS.

The Spice of the Morning Papers and the Very Latest Telegrams.

Mr. Powderly continues to improve slowly, but he is still very weak.

A large number of "raised" silver certificates have been handed into the sub-treasury at New York.

Woodfolk, for the murder of nine members of his family, has been sentenced to be hanged on February 10th next.

The labour commission has closed its session in St. Thomas, and adjourned to meet again in London on Jan. 10th.

The British government's course regarding Ireland has been condemned by a mass meeting of dissenting ministers held at Manchester.

Lord Hartington has been presented with the freedom of the City of London, in recognition of his services in defence of the empire.

A deputation from Prescott and Russell ask Sir John Macdonald that L. A. Oliver be appointed to succeed the late Judge Daniel.

The czar will not disclose the names of the authors of the forged documents sent to him, because several Russian officials are implicated in the affair.

All the Protestant clergy of Ottawa have joined hands for the furtherance of the license reduction campaign at the approaching municipal elections.

Mr. Lovitt, liberal, was re-elected, in Yarmouth, N.S., yesterday by a majority of 506, and Gen. Laurie defeated Mr. Robertson by a majority of six in Shelburne.

The value of the Paris property of Mme. Boucault, who died at Cannes, is estimated at \$12,000,000. By her will \$2,000,000 are to be devoted to founding a hospital.

A. H. Yang, convicted in San Francisco, on a charge of importing Chinese women for immoral purposes, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$2,000.

M. Carvalho, manager of the Paris Opera Comique, recently destroyed by fire, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 2000. Fireman Andre was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

An official investigation into the wreck of the Oriental off Port Dalhousie last October has been ordered, and will be held in Kingston, before Mr. Risley, chairman of the board of steamboat inspectors, and Captain Taylor, of Kingston.

The Tortilita gold and silver mining company has brought suit against James Gordon Bennett for alleged libel, claiming \$500,000 damages. The complaint against Mr. Bennett is based on an article published in the *New York Herald*, in which it was asserted that the Tortilita mining scheme was a "colossal bunco scheme."

## POLITICS IN ENGLAND.

Plotting Against Mr. Gladstone—Lord Churchill and the Budget Figures.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Justin McCarthy, speaking at Hull last night, said that before the last election Lord Carnarvon negotiated with the Parnellites with the object of ousting Mr. Gladstone. The negotiations were conducted solely by Carnarvon and himself. The former agreed to the stipulation that the conservatives should be prepared to concede any measures of home rule desired by Parnell himself. The negotiations collapsed because of the perfectly true report that Parnell considered Gladstone the best man to deal with.

Lord Randolph Churchill made a speech at Stockport, in which, among other things, he said that Lord Hartington's statement, that the alliance between the unionists and conservatives would continue to be a close one, was the cardinal feature of the recess. He regretted to say that there could be traced on Mr. Gladstone's course every sign of age except the possession of wisdom. The older that gentleman became the further he went wrong. With reference to retrenchment he calculated that the next budget would show an estimated surplus of from £2,000,000 to £3,000,000, and that in the following year the expenditure would be reduced to £85,900,000 or £5,000,000 less than the figures at which Mr. Gladstone left it.

## HARCOURT ON THE DISSIDENTS.

Sorrow That a Reconciliation Cannot Occur—How to Heal the Breach.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Sir William Vernon Harcourt, in a speech at Bournemouth to-night, expressed sorrow at Lord Hartington's statement that there was no immediate chance of a reconciliation between the dissidents and liberals, but he said it was not only the question of union which divided them for Lord Hartington differed from his former associates on other questions which were vital to real liberalism, such as, for instance, the leading principle of one man one vote. Time would probably show that the liberal party was well rid of the bulk of the dissidents, who did not represent their constituencies and would disappear at the next election. Few might survive that happening in case of the worst of wrecks, but as an independent political party, the dissidents would become extinct. The process of absorption was proceeding. The tory box constrictor was lubricating them with the saliva of adulation before swallowing them. The dissidents thus disposed of, the country would once more see the two great parties facing each other, with the usual result of a liberal triumph.

## END OF A VENDETTA.

Settlement of a Long Standing Feud—A Great Feast Follows It.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The *Times*' London special says: A curious ending of an ancient vendetta is reported from Bitti, Sardinia, where, in the presence of the archbishop, prefect and other dignitaries, six hundred and seventy members of the two families knelt in church, formally swore their long-standing feud, and received the prelate's benediction. The whole population of the vicinity was present, and later on a barbecue was held, where ten oxen, seventy-four pigs and two hundred weight of maccaroni were consumed.

## Urging Him Into Evil.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Daily News* says he is enabled to state positively that the czar is opposed to any warlike enterprise, but that the influential persons are ceaselessly endeavoring to change his views.

To-day Michael Doran sent a cheque for \$50 to the secretary of the Kingston general hospital.

The meeting of the St. Andrew's literary society has been postponed until Tuesday evening next.

## FATAL BALLOON VOYAGE.

A SWIFT AERIAL TRIP FROM FRANCE TO KENTUCKY.

The Aeronauts Perish by the Way—One Corps Found—The Fate of His Fellows Unknown—How the Voyage was Undertaken.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Dec. 15.—An immense balloon was observed sailing over this city on Saturday at a great height. It was in view for a long time, and then began to descend rapidly. It was found in a swamp ten miles south of Haverhill. There was also discovered the emaciated remains of a man who had evidently been thrown from the basket several yards from where the air ship had fallen. It is supposed that the aeronaut was dead before the balloon reached the earth, as no serious bruises were found upon his body. No papers or evidence have been found to indicate who the man is.

The discovery of this balloon has caused considerable excitement in Kentucky. All sorts of conjectures are made as to its origin and place of departure. *Le Petit Journal*, of Paris, of November 24th, gives the story of its ascension and erratic course across the Atlantic.

"Our correspondent at Dieppe confirms his despatch of yesterday on the subject of the 'Arago,' by the transmission of the exact report of Mr. Masson, commandant of the 'Georgette,' which made its regular trip on November 13th, between Dieppe and Swansea:

"On the 13th instant," writes commandant Masson, "about one o'clock in the afternoon, being 42 miles west of Cape D'Ailly, it blew furiously from the southeast and the weather was cloudy. I saw, very high up, a large balloon, having on each side, below it, two small spherical balloons, and between these, attached to the interior of the large one, a strong rope which hung down about five or six metres. It appeared to be of the same thickness for its entire length. The direction of the balloon was the northwest, which it appeared to follow horizontally and with great rapidity. My officers and I paid close attention to the balloon, but could see nothing more than I have mentioned, and about two o'clock the balloon, which appeared to have no basket, disappeared in the clouds. Having been informed that there was considerable anxiety about a balloon that had left France I have thought it proper to give this information."

"It is beyond doubt that the balloon seen by Captain Masson was the Arago. There remains the question of the basket. How was it that the Arago had no basket at about one o'clock in the afternoon? Had they cut the cords which held the basket to the balloon? This is possible, but scarcely probable. However, the report of the captain is clear, and his officers saw what he saw.

"In spite of the political sentiments of the moment this dramatic aerial voyage, of which the outcome is unknown, preoccupies the public opinion. *Le Petit Journal* has kept this opinion prominent, and it now would like to close the series of alarming despatches by good news.

"Assuredly the time would be badly chosen to criticize the unfortunate voyagers, Messrs. L'Hoste and Mangot, who thus went, borne by a high wind, beyond La Mouché, terrible to aeronauts as well as to sailors. But let us sympathize with them and deplore their act of temerity. Three persons, as we said started on Sunday morning, the 13th. L'Hoste, a professional aeronaut, and two amateurs, Messrs. Archedeon and Mangot. The weather was splendid and they looked forward to a real pleasure trip. To their balloon, the Arago, of a measurement of 1,000 cubic metres, were fixed, rather attached, two small balloons of fifty metres each (those about which Commandant Masson speaks.)

"About eight o'clock the rise from the gasometer at the Villette was made. Aided by a strong south-east wind they arrived, three hours after, at Quillebeuf, at a height of something like 400 metres. The sea was near. They could go no farther. But as M. L'Hoste and his companions had left almost intact their supply of ballast, and as their small balloons were yet inflated, they determined as follows: Once descended they would fill their basket with earth, go quietly to breakfast, and would return to their balloon to again ascend if possible.

"Who knows, said they, when the wind will have changed? If it had completely turned we shall return to Paris and that will be remarkable. The descent was effected in a few seconds. Some country people saw the voyagers. They ran to their assistance and held on to the basket to prevent it dragging. Mr. Archedeon was the first to descend and they commenced to pile in his place clods of earth. In the meantime Messrs. L'Hoste and Mangot exchanged a look. The same idea struck them, which they explained as follows: The balloon behaves well; we have still a hundred kilos of ballast and the wind will carry us to the English coast. Let us take advantage of it! Let us go!

"In vain Mr. Archedeon objected. The south wind, he said, blows at times briskly from the east to the sea. You may steer for the extreme point of England. If the wind varies ever so little you fall to land and are lost. Consider, he begged, and you will at once see the imprudence you are committing.

"But the two young men, Mr. Mangot is only 19, completely carried away by the idea, would not listen. They ordered the peasants to set the basket free and, at a bound, they ascended, leaving their companion behind them. He had then nothing to do but remain behind. We know the rest, or rather we know nothing about it. Here is the history thus photographed of the ascent of the 'Arago.'"

GOSCHEN'S PECULIAR POSITION

He Denies a Statement—A Rupture Between the Parties Averted.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Mr. Goschen indignantly denies that he would approve a duty on corn if it was thought necessary to keep the present government in office. Mr. Goschen's position as a member of a conservative cabinet, still professing to be a liberal, is very peculiar. He may, for practical purposes, be considered a tory. If he considers that a return to protection would lead to a break up of the coalition which keeps the present government in office, still more so would the unionist liberals under Lord Hartington, who, while supporting Lord Salisbury, refuse to go so far as to take office in a conservative administration. The government had good reason to induce their supporters to endeavor to minimize the effect of previous declarations in favour of protection. The danger of a rupture was great, but it has been averted for the moment by relegating the tariff to the questions outside of immediate practical politics.