

HIS COWARDLY ACTION.

POLICEMAN BEATS A PRISONER INTO INSENSIBILITY.

A Blow Which Felled the Prisoner to the Ground and cut him in a Most Cruel Manner was Struck After the Handcuffs had Been Placed on his Wrists.

MONCTON, OCT. 25:—The local papers contain a greatly abridged and expurgated account of a rather sensational arrest made near the I. C. R. station last week by officer O'Rourke; which arrest some of those who witnessed it describe as an outrage.

The leading actor in the drama was not an escaped burglar or a hardened criminal of any kind, but just a young fellow known as Robert Bowers, who was over-loaded with that peculiar brand of Scott Act whiskey for which our city is justly noted, and who created a disturbance at the station by breaking a window in the Western Union Telegraph office and making things generally lively. I. C. R. policeman, O'Rourke endeavoured to arrest the young man who was big and strong and proved even the Daily Times admits far too much for him, though that O'Rourke handled his man with extreme roughness but not it hastens to add "more than was necessary." Escaping from the policeman, Bowers left the station, and was proceeding peaceably enough, when O'Rourke who had followed, accosted him again, crazed with drink Bowers again showed fight kicking wildly at O'Rourke, who struck him fiercely across the face several times with his cane inflicting severe wounds. At the same moment "a bystander"—the local papers omit to state that the bystander was also a son of O'Rourke—struck the drunken man a terrific blow on the back of the head. The prisoner fell to the ground as if he had been killed striking on his face and cutting a terrible gash in his left cheek, from which the blood poured in a very ghastly manner. A crowd gathered and it was supposed at first that Bower's neck was broken as he gave no sign of consciousness, but an examination showed that he was merely stunned; and after allowing him to remain in the biting air, at the imminent risk of inflammation setting in, in some of his numerous wounds, until a conveyance was obtained, he was finally taken to the lockup and the wounds dressed.

It is stated on reliable authority that the blow which felled the prisoner, and inflicted so ugly a wound was struck after the handcuffs had been placed on his wrists rendering him incapable of doing harm, and it was his inability to protect himself in falling which caused his face to be so terrible cut. It is of course necessary to arrest people who are making a disturbance and prevent them from doing mischief, but it should be borne in mind that a drunken man, even when he is termed "fighting drunk," is neither a criminal nor a wild animal, neither is he responsible for his actions and for a policeman to adopt the tactics resorted to by the keepers in a menagerie where savage beasts have to be subdued by brute force, is scarcely consistent with the traditions of civilization. When the members of the force are not competent to arrest prisoners single handed they are justified in calling for assistance, but not in going "bystanders" carte blanche to beat a drunken man into insensibility.

Already one member of our unpleasantly famous police force has had a county court writ served on him for unnecessary assault during arrest, the amount of two hundred dollars being claimed by the plaintiff, and it looks as if suits of that description would soon be plentiful if nothing is done to restrain the Moncton policeman from regarding any unfortunate whom an unkind fate delivers into their hands, as something to be thrashed and cudgelled into submission to their authority, a creature utterly deprived of the rights of citizenship, and for whose treatment no one is to be held responsible.

Bowers was unable to appear when his case was called Thursday morning, being seriously ill with pneumonia, very probably the result of the rough usage and exposure the day he was arrested.

Your Hair Could Support 500 People.

It is interesting to others than statisticians to know that the hairs of our heads are numbered. Certain scientific men have laboriously calculated the number of hairs on a square inch of heads of different colors, and by estimating the total area covered have arrived at aggregate

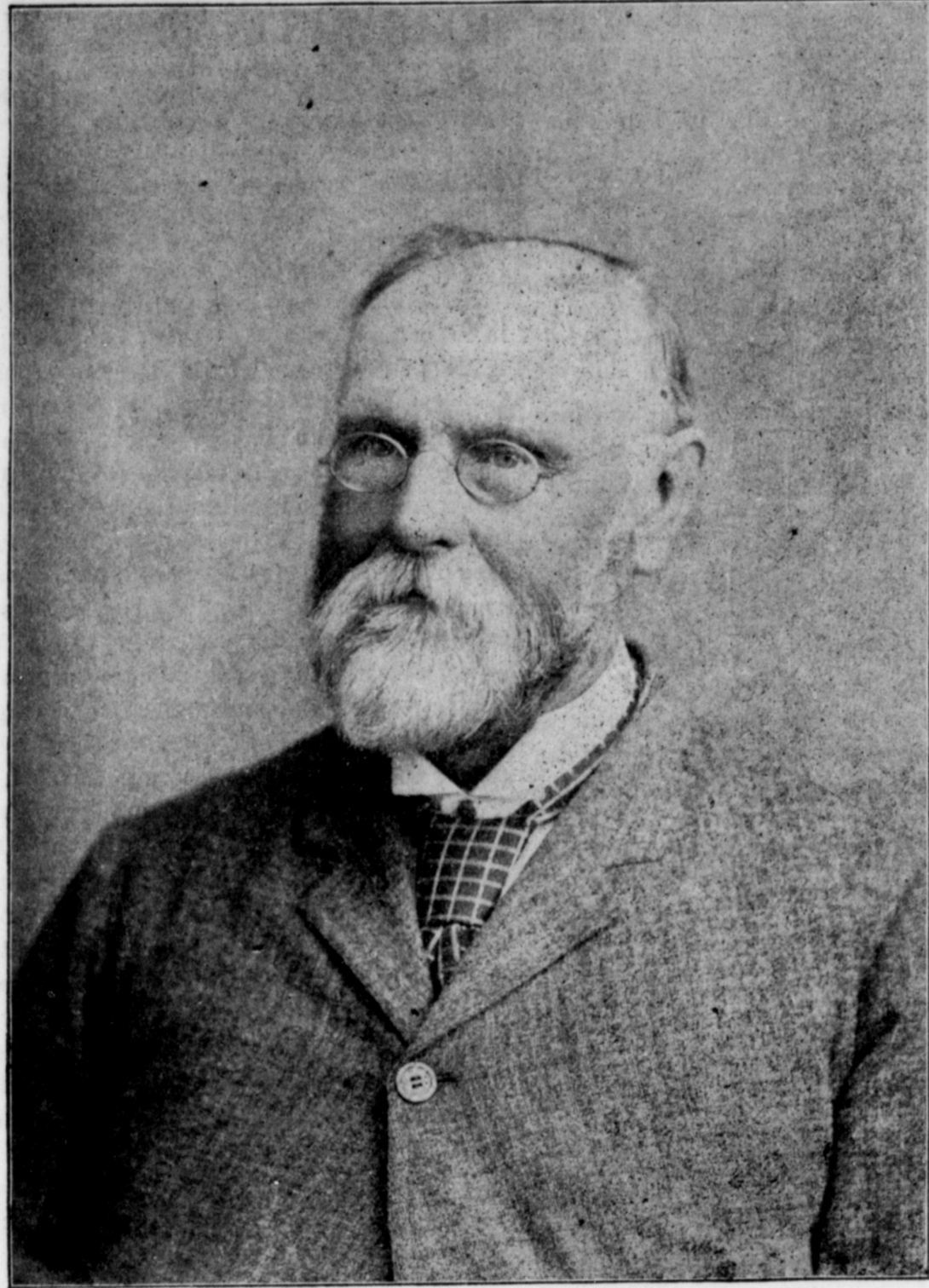
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CHAS. A. EVERITT.

organized in 1847. He has been prominent in all the various efforts of the body, and has been one of the pillars of the order. He has served in all the offices of the Grand Division of the province, and has served a couple of years as Most Worthy Patriarch of the National Division, the chief of all the fraters in the world. He is the only one living who witnessed the organization of the Grand Division half a century ago.

Mr. Everitt has also been prominent in other ways,—in civic circles as alderman and chairman of assessors; in legislative halls as member of the Dominion parliament, and in exhibition effort as president, secretary, and manager of the Exhibition Association.

numbers, which may be taken as fairly correct. A head of fair hair consists of 143,000 hairs. Dark hair is coarser and only totals 105,000, while those who boast a poll of red must be content with a total of 29,200. It is estimated that the hairs on a "fair head" would support the weight of 500 people.

A Won't-Slip Tire.

A tire has been placed upon the market for which it is claimed that it will not slip under any condition of surface, such as wet car rails, asphalt, concrete, plank or macadam road. The makers even guarantee that it will not slip when ridden on ice. In addition comes the claim that it can be ridden with much ease on rough roads, and that the teeth, or projections, which appear on the thread of the tire, form a cushion for the tire. It is also claimed that the tire is very fast over smooth surfaces, it gives an air space between the surface and the tire and obviates suction; that it is 90 per cent. puncture proof, on account of having rubber teeth that it throws but little mud, as the teeth have a tendency to release the mud when the tire leaves the surface over which it passes.

On a Tandem to the Klondike.

Two well-known bicyclists of Brooklyn have started on a tandem for the gold fields of the Klondike. They intend to wheel to Seattle, from which point they will go as far as possible by steamer. The last part of their journey they hope to be able to make on their trusty tandem, which has been constructed with a view to making it serviceable on ice and snow. The venturesome wheelmen are A. M. Franklin, a former secretary of the Brooklyn Cycle Board of trade, and Robert Coningsby, an old-time racingman. The latter has competed in several of the famous handicaps over the Irvington-Millburn course, and has won a number of prizes.

A Peculiar Custom.

The Rev. W. Bingley, in his 'Customs of the Welsh,' states that formerly it was usual in some parts of North Wales, whenever the name of the devil occurred, for the congregation to sit upon the floor, and when the name of Judas was mentioned to express their abhorrence of him by striking their breasts.—South Wales Daily News.

Origin of "Tip."

Here is an interesting bit of philology. It concerns the origin of the word "tip", and throws a little light on the origin of the custom. In old English taverns a receptacle for small coins was placed conspicuously, and over it was written, "To insure promptness". Whatever was dropped in the box by guests was divided among the servants. In the course of time the abbreviated form, "T. I. P." was used.

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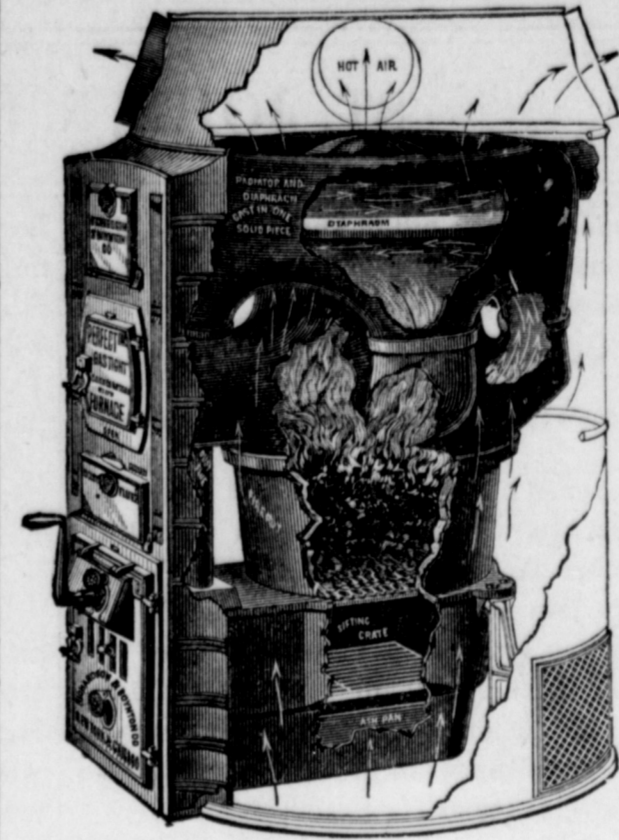
In 1892 the prosperity of the commercial schools was at its flood. . . . Desiring to find some expedient that would render them still more prosperous, the proprietors of many of these schools abandoned methods that had produced excellent results and adopted others which were wholly experimental. It may safely be said that in most cases the change was not made with the expectation that the schools would be strengthened educationally, but that the new ideas would have greater advertising value. But a reaction has set in. The conclusion has been forced upon thoughtful teachers that the school that educates its pupils best advertises itself best; that a device which may attract inexperienced boys and unthinking parents, may not commend itself to a class of people whose friendship and patronage must be secured and retained as a basis of permanent prosperity. Those schools which adhered to the tried and approved methods, which gave their pupils' solid and symmetrical knowledge, which steadily refused to be carried off their feet by patented systems of education, are now reaping the benefit of their wise conservatism. Such schools have not the task before them now of repairing the damage done by experimenting with one or another of the new schemes, are realizing that their reputation for real efficiency has been injured, and are seeing their more conservative co-workers forging ahead. Only a small proportion of the larger schools swung off in '92, and some of them retreated as soon as the character of the road they were passing for performance, and when clap-trap will be accepted in lieu of genuine educational advantages, then, perhaps, the public will take kindly to patented systems of education. Progress, Rochester, N. Y.

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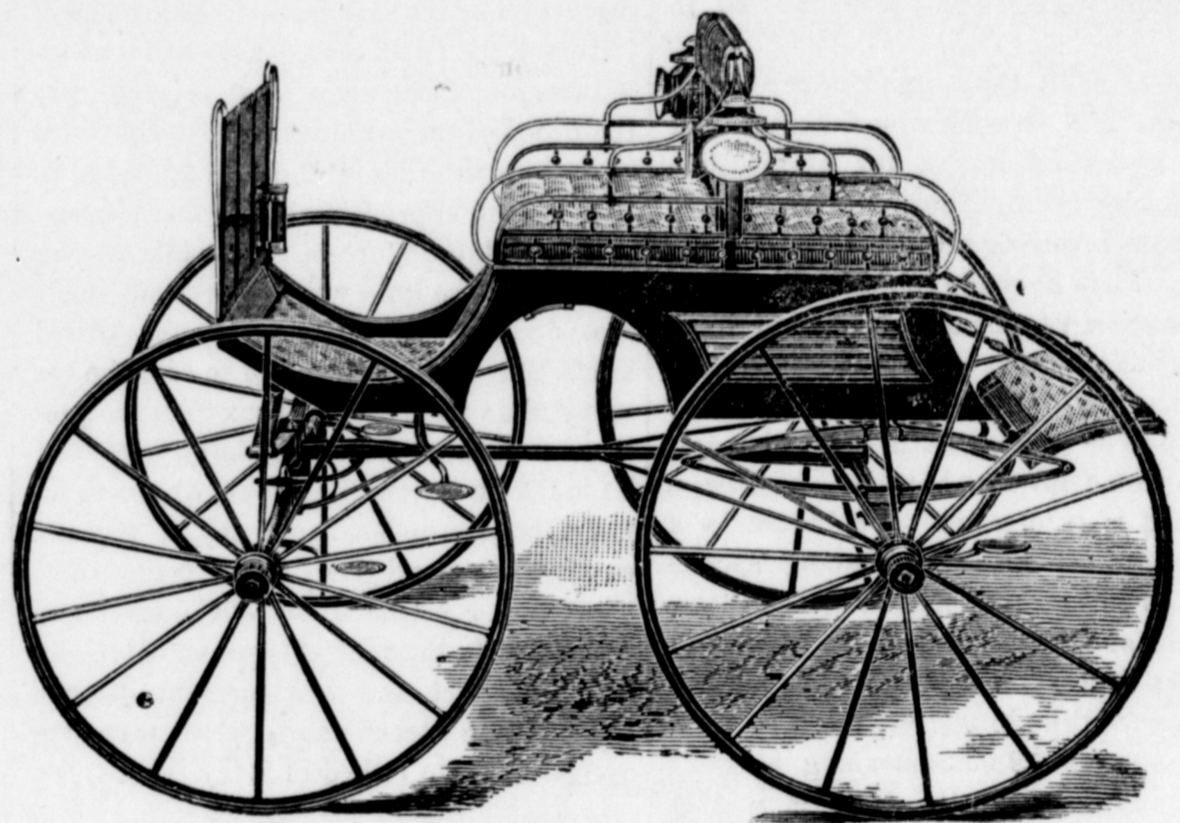
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