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TUESDAY	8,377
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THURSDAY	8,450
FRIDAY	8,611
SATURDAY	10,116

TOTAL 54,620

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ON THE WEST SIDE

Contractor Clark has again kept his word. Crib No. 3, which some persons feared would not be lifted out of the mud except in small pieces, was raised this morning and placed just where Mr. Clark wanted it placed. It is not yet on the site intended for it, but the site is not ready, although it may be within a few hours. When it is, and Mr. Clark is notified, the crib will be placed and there will be no more trouble from the sliding in of Union street.

These matters are progressing much more satisfactorily than the calamity howlers predicted. No. 4 crib can now be dredged out, and everything done in readiness for the coming of the steamships.

MUNICIPAL TELEPHONES

The Union of Manitoba Municipalities was in session last week in Portage La Prairie, and more than a day was given up to the discussion of a municipal telephone system. The government of the province has a bill to be introduced at the next session of the legislature, and representatives of the government attended the meeting of the Union to speak in favor of the bill. There seemed to be no difference of opinion as to the desirability of such a system, although views differed as to the merits and provisions of the government bill. Among the speakers were several whose remarks were of general interest, touching the whole question of telephone service. We quote from the report of the Free Press of Winnipeg:

The Hon. C. B. Cheadle, secretary of the Illinois Independent Telephone Association, pictured very vividly the strong position of the independent companies in the United States, of which he said there were 10,000 with a capitalization of \$300,000,000. Mr. Cheadle pictured the Bell Co. as a grasping octopus that had used the inventions of Bell and Edison as a bar to progress. It was the Bell Co. that had stood in the way of the telephone being at the present time in every farmer's house. A picture was drawn of the isolated farmer barred from free communication with business centres by lack of roads, by distance and by climate, talking with his banker at Winnipeg; his wife or daughter talking with the city storekeeper over a phone, the use of which could be had at a low figure.

Ex-Mayor Dyke, of Port William, said they had a municipal system in vogue not quite four years. The first year there was a deficit of \$900, but there had been surpluses on subsequent business, and they were now \$4,000 in the red, after paying interest and contributing to the sinking fund and maintaining the plant. They had given a first-class service at \$1 a month for residence and \$2 for businesses. The speaker also described the development of the system in Port Arthur, and stated that he did not think the Bell Telephone Co. had any "paid" phones in the two towns.

Ex-Congressman E. H. Moulton was one of the first speakers at the afternoon session. He addressed the convention on the telephone situation in Minnesota, stating that the Bell methods of monopolizing competition were underhanded and characterized by deceit. Sixty per cent. of the messages that went over the long distance wire of the Bell Co. were dead heads.

Mr. Moulton said he would drop everything to come to Manitoba to build thoroughly constructed farmers' lines at \$75 a mile, "and I will make more money than I ever made in my life." (Laughter) He asserted: "\$75 is an outside price. They can be built for \$50 or \$60 a mile."

A voice—"Do those figures include the instruments?"

Mr. Moulton—"No."

The Hon. J. B. Ware, secretary of the Michigan Telephone Association, dealt with the alleged connection of the American Bell with the Canadian company which he said was controlled by the same officials, and, as a rule, had the same policy and methods. He also gave statistics of the extension of the independent companies in Michigan, and said that over 90 per cent. of the farmers had a telephone service at \$12 or less per year. The independent companies in the United States had today a half million more subscribers than the Bell Co., which has been operating over 25 years. He has seen a statement in which the Bell Company thought to gain public sympathy by representing itself as telephone pioneers. "Why," said Mr. Ware, "they have less than 80,000 telephones, less than there are independent telephones in the lower half of Michigan. Does that speak well for a pioneer company managed from Boston?" (Laughter and applause.) Moreover, he did not find the company developing the telephone system in Manitoba until the government took the matter up. ("Hear, hear.")

The next speaker was Thomas Paul, of Yorkton, who told of the great value and success of the farmer's telephone system there.

The president said he had been particularly interested in the speech of Mr. Paul, because he had been in Yorkton and he knew that the service afforded the farmers was splendid. He was also very

much interested in the speech of Mr. Dyke from Fort William, because he had been in Fort William and he knew that the telephone service there was splendid also.

It is perfectly clear from the report of the general discussion that Manitoba will try the experiment of a municipal telephone service.

A NATION'S PERIL

The following statement made by a leading firm of New York brokers, is significantly described by the Journal of Commerce of that city as expressing a sentiment that is "gaining ground every hour."

"A wise man said the day after election, 'Socialism stands around the corner waiting to make its alliance with Labor.' It is well for all to thoroughly appreciate that this is so and govern ourselves accordingly. A proper government supervision of corporations is demanded, and the recent election emphasizes the fact. The supervision wanted is of such a character that capital might call it oppression, but the demand has been made in no uncertain way and the will of the people must be regarded or socialism in its violent form will be seen in the near distance. Why not recognize this demand now and minimize its results by the making and execution of laws that to a reasonable extent meet the requirements of this large and rapidly growing element, having due regard for the fact that in the eyes of the law all men are equal? This is an important matter, and it lies at the foundation of all securities, be they what they may."

The Journal of Commerce commends this statement to men like Mr. Harriman and others who are leaders in the world of finance. The warning is emphasized by other events than the New York state elections. Throughout the United States there is a feeling of unrest, a conviction that the men who control great wealth are not paying due regard to the rights of the individual man; and a growing resentment fanned by the extravagance and vices of the idle rich. It is not without good reason that far-sighted business men and editors of great commercial newspapers speak their honest thought in language that cannot be misunderstood.

What St. John has a right to ask is that the transportation of the British mails via this port be given a trial. The Canadian Pacific authorities have declared their ability to make a record. By what right can they be refused permission to make the effort?

Mrs. Russell Sage realizes that an institution may come to mean very little in real work for the world's betterment. She prefers to encourage the living force of a helpful individuality.

Perhaps if Sergt. Baxter, of the St. John police force, should capture the Massachusetts desperado Francis a second time, he might get the reward promised the first time.

The Countess Boni de Castellane has been granted a divorce and the custody of her children. The Count may now have to work for a living. Happiness does not always go with a title.

Reports from Sydney are more reassuring. There are indications that the steel works will resume operations and the trouble with the coal company be settled.

Mr. James J. Hill favors reciprocity between the United States and Canada. What particular melon is James after?

Which is of greater importance—the sectional feelings of Halifax merchants or the business interests of the Dominion?

All indications point to important amendments to the Canadian law relative to insurance.

CHURCH MUSIC

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir—In your issue of yesterday the timely remarks of "Churchman" on church music, in which he especially refers to the music in Trinity church, is a matter that should well receive consideration. Certainly I think the musical portion of the service is not what it should be. There is room for improvement and the music committee should see that everything is kept up to the highest standard. Lately there has been a dropping off in the number of singers. I might add that in my opinion there has been nothing to take the place of Jule's chants and Elvey's psalter, both of which were abolished a few years ago by Trinity choir.

Yours truly,
A. CHURCH GOER.

ANOTHER LETTER.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Nov. 13, '06.

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir—Noting letter of "Churchman" in your issue of Nov. 12th, and replying to same, I beg to say that too much attention is given to "operatic performances," rather than to the simple, grateful service, and beautiful prayers as laid down in the Prayer Book of the Church of England.

Yours, Mr. Editor,
MAN.

HUNTER SHOT

A LITTLE GIRL

COLUMBUS, Ind., Nov. 12—Myrtle, the 7-year-old daughter of Wm. Neal, who resides near this city, was shot and killed late this afternoon near her home by an unknown hunter. The little one had gone to the rural free delivery box which is a quarter of a mile from the residence, and was shot in the left temple.

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EXPERIENCE

(By Edith Livingston Smith.)

No, little one, tread not the glowing path. Ah! listen, dear—The way is not as lovely as you dream. The flowers are not perfect as they seem. But faded, scentless, in Pat's aftermath—(She does not hear.)

No, taste it not, the tree's gift, rosy red. I tasted so. And ate the fragrant morsel, bent on bliss. But hungered on; for Joy's entrancing kiss. Showed fairer fruit on boughs above my head—(Yes, child, I know.)

Ah, follow not to music far away. It is not sweet; But, rather, bear faint melodies at hand—(Alas she goes, she does not understand. That so the siren sang their mystic lay. Too swift her feet!)

But foolish me—to think to teach the Spring. Of Autumn's we! Go little soul, as ever Youth must go. Through sun and shade on life to learn to know. That only Summer can fruition bring; God made growth so. —From The Outlook.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

SURE INDICATION.

Finnigan Philosophy—Kape yer eye on phvat a mon turns up 's nose at, an' ye'll know what he's been r-raised on.—Baltimore American.

FULLY EXPLAINED.

Lawyer—Well, what was done in the interim? "Witness—I don't know, sir. I didn't go into the interim. I stayed in the anteroom.—Puck.

A DIPLOMAT.

Tommy—Pop, does a diplomat have to know much? Tommy's Pop—Well, he has to know enough not to know too much.—Philadelphia Record.

WAITING FOR PROOF.

"You say your late uncle was an eccentric old fellow. Do you think he was insane?" "I don't know—the will hasn't been read yet."—Cleveland Leader.

DISAPPOINTED.

The Bad Dancer—One more turn and I would have just met my breath entirely. The Victim—Just one more turn, please, Mr. Ponsonby.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

DIDN'T KNOW HER.

New Office Boy—Your wife wants you at the phone, sir. Mr. Mormondub—Boy, how many times must I tell you to get the name and number of the person who calls up?—Puck.

PROVIDENTIAL.

"Who'd have thought we'd live to see our boy in the legislature?" said the old man. "Nobody," said the old lady, "but—the Lord's will be done!"—Atlanta Constitution.

THE NOISY MAN.

"Do man dat makes de mos' noise in dis worl'," said Uncle Eben, "sometimes gits de credit for what other people manage to do in spite of his disturbance."—Washington Star.

STOPPED IT.

"When is your marriage to Old Boodle's daughter coming off?" "Never." "Never? Why, I heard you were going to marry her?" "I was; but Old Man Bonds put a stop to it."

"What in the world did he have to do with it?" "He ruined Old Boodle in a wheat corner." —

MODJESKA IN MACBETH

Modjeska in "Macbeth" is the magnet which will attract all classes of playgoers to the Opera House next Friday evening, 16th inst. The regular theatregoer and the occasional attendant upon theatrical productions will sit side by side that night and join in homage to this celebrated woman. This occasion will be their final opportunity to be inspired and enthralled by perhaps the ripest and most intellectual art known to the contemporary stage, for Modjeska is now on her final American tour, and this will be her last appearance in this city. An attempt was made by the local management to have Jules Murry, director of Mme. Modjeska's tour, change the route so as to permit his distinguished star to play at least twice, and possibly three times, here. The advance interest in the single performance is so great that there is little doubt but that the house could be entirely sold out each night if Modjeska could present her entire repertoire. Unfortunately, the change is impossible. Other cities are as eager to extend a testimonial to this favorite actress as this one. She is booked solidly for the entire week during which she will be here, and the managers in these other places will not hear of cancellation. Therefore, all the enthusiasm which should be spread over three nights will be condensed into a single evening, and the result is certain to be one of the most long-to-be-remembered occasions in local theatrical history. The retirement of no other actress would be felt by patrons of the theatre generally as deeply as that of Modjeska. By her devotion to the cause of acting, she has taken a place both in the artistic world and in the hearts of the American public, such as has never been occupied by any other woman.

THE STUDENTS

WANTED DRINKS

BOSTON, Nov. 13—The police were called in late tonight to quell a disturbance in the cafe of one of the downtown hotels in which a score of young men, said to have been students, broke tables and chairs, mirrors, glassware, resisted the officers and made things decidedly lively for a quarter of an hour. Six young men were arrested and taken to the police station on charges of disorderly conduct, larceny, resisting the police officers and drunkenness. The police also took the names of 14 others. The cafe is a popular resort for students after the theatre and it is said that the disturbance was due to the refusal of some of the waiters to serve liquid refreshments after 11 o'clock.

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