

Local News.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

THE BALL.

Highly Enjoyable Social Entertainment.

Prediction that the Masonic ball would be the grandest and most successful social of the season was fully verified on last night. The various committees from the management of the affair were all performed their duties most acceptably. About seven o'clock cutters were sent in directions to bring the pleasure-seekers to the scene of festivity, and within two minutes the hall was crowded with a joyous throng of youth, beauty, gallantry and music was exceptionally well rendered and added much to promote that grace and movement so essential to the enjoyment of the dance. The hall, pervaded by a trifle too crowded for perfect ease, but as everybody was overflowing with a good nature, and as the projectors had a direct though unselfish interest in the receipts, it was looked upon as a case of "the more the merrier."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

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