

The Week.

Foreign.

The news in regard to the Eastern question during the week has related almost wholly to the open hostilities commenced by Serbia against Bulgaria, the Serbian army having invaded Bulgaria, and after a number of successful engagements and a few reverses, shown its ability to accomplish its aims against Bulgaria alone.

The British invasion of Burmah is slowly but surely progressing to a successful issue. The forces under Gen. Prendergast have advanced as far as the town of Minkly, which it has strongly garrisoned, and expects to reach Mandalay, the capital, by next Tuesday.

Riel Hanged.

In spite of the strenuous efforts to procure the pardon of Riel, the noted Canadian "rebel," or, if that failed, an indefinite suspension of his execution, Riel was executed early on Monday morning, at Regina, the capital of the Northwest Territory, by special order of the Dominion Government.

Of course, the execution of Riel elicits a great deal of conflicting comment, but the weight of opinion, beyond any doubt, is that it was a mistake, if not a gross wrong. Aside from the fact that Riel was unquestionably of unsound mind, the admitted fact that his crime—if crime it was—was purely political, and that he was but one of thousands that had risen in armed protest against a long series of wrongs which it would have better become the government to redress than to goad the sufferers to armed resistance.

The Mackin Case.

The election of a new supreme court judge in the Chicago district having broken the tie in the Mackin case, the court at a special meeting in Ottawa last Saturday affirmed the decision of the lower court in finding Joseph Chesterfield Mackin guilty of perjury and sentencing him to five years in the Joliet penitentiary, and Mackin, who since his trial has been kept in quod at Chicago, will now no doubt be conveyed at once to Joliet.

Galveston Fire.

Friday morning of last week a very destructive fire broke out in Galveston, Tex., the ravages of which were not stayed until over fifty blocks of buildings were destroyed. The fire occurred in the western quarter of the city, mostly occupied as residences, so that few business buildings shared the destruction.

dered houseless, a large proportion of them being also beggared. The money value of the loss is estimated at \$2,500,000. At first it was intended to make no appeal for outside aid, but the pressure for relief has grown so overwhelming that it has been found necessary to call for help from abroad.

A Strange Confession.

Most of the readers of the FREE TRADER doubtless remember the circumstances of the murder of H. P. Allen, of Sandwich, Ill., in February, 1880, and the trial and conviction of William Thomas of the crime, and his sentence to the penitentiary for 17 years. And now comes a convict in the Joliet penitentiary, named James Young, who confesses that it was he, and not Thomas, who murdered Allen, and that Thomas is being punished for a crime of which he was wholly innocent.

THE DUTY OF THE PUBLIC.

A studied and concerted attempt is being made on the part of those implicated in the "fraudulent circular" matter recently brought before the grand jury and by those who are their active sympathizers therein to create a sentiment inimical to the prosecution of the criminal suits resulting therefrom. The especial champion of those who have been indicted is the Ottawa Journal, which has again seen fit to prostitute its columns to the scandalous style of journalism that characterized it some months since when two of those now resting under the charge of conspiracy controlled its editorial management and virtually dictated the policy of the paper.

The FREE TRADER would not dignify the Journal by paying the slightest heed to anything contained in it were it not that in this instance it evidently speaks by authority and directly in the interest of those charged with the commission of this crime. We desire it to be distinctly understood that we believe it due to the public on the part of the State's Attorney that these cases be pushed to their legitimate end, and that the soundest reasons of public policy demand and will tolerate nothing short of this on his part.

The crime is not one simply committed against the rights, honor and character of a single individual, affecting him alone in its results, but it is a crime against the public at large, and as such deserves the severest punishment the law can inflict on the guilty offenders. The public good further demands that in this instance, here and now, the crime be punished—that at the very outset such nefarious political warfare be abolished, and such means and those who practice them in a political contest be made odious to all right minded and right thinking citizens.

If this crime at this time goes uninvestigated and unpunished, there will and can be hereafter no possible guarantee for safety for one who is before the public asking the suffrages of our citizens, if some evil disposed persons on the very eve of the election see fit to secretly send out such circulars as were sent out a few days prior to Nov. 3d by the enemies of Judge Gilbert.

Neither ridicule of the proceedings of the grand jury nor vicious attempts to slur the motives of Judge Gilbert on the part of those indicted; neither the hope of party success nor the fear of party failure in future elections should cut any figure with our citizens in this matter. There must be no drawback or hesitancy because some persons of high degree may be scorched or hurt; be it who it may, the rights of the people must be vindicated, and that, too, in no uncertain way.

We do not desire to prejudice those who are charged with the commission of this

crime, but we do say the course pursued by them through means of the subversive sheet placed at their disposal tends strongly to fasten guilt upon them.

They have even gone so far as to threaten that if these prosecutions are pushed the Democratic party shall suffer in coming elections, because they see fit to style themselves "a faction" of the Democratic party of La Salle county, and hence the party will be weakened by giving offense to them.

If the Democratic party of this great county must, in order to retain the ascendancy in the county, justify such methods as this self-styled "faction" demand that they shall in the present instance and such methods as have characterized the political workings of those under indictment during the past years, it is unworthy of confidence and ought not to be tolerated in the control of the public affairs of the county.

The effrontery of these men in attempting to stop the prosecution of these indictments by any such threats places them beyond the pale of tolerance in the Democratic party.

We want them to fully understand and know here and now that the Democratic party of La Salle county has no use for their votes, their influence, their counsel or their adherents.

No Democratic convention of this county will ever tolerate them in it, and no democrat who has a proper respect for his honor, his manhood, or his sense of decency, will ever recognize them or their so-called faction as fellow members of the Democratic party.

They have outlawed themselves by their acts and practices from the Democratic party, and from this time on they must, unless received into full communion with some other existing political organization, wander about as political Ishmaelites, with "their hand against everybody and everybody's hand against them."

STREATOR POST OFFICE.

Mr. D. Heenan, and other prominent citizens of Streator, in their efforts to have the post office of that city removed to a locality that should better meet the common and especially the business wants of its people, had sufficient confidence in the righteousness of their demand to ask for a government inspector to visit the city and examine the local situation as well as to consult the wishes of the people, to whose free vote those asking the removal always expressed their readiness and anxiety to have the question submitted.

The inspector, Mr. L. A. Kirkwood, visited the city this week, and while it is understood that he was well satisfied with the location proposed, and more than satisfied with the liberal offer of Mr. Heenan to erect upon it and furnish rent free for the use of the government a building that should be infinitely better adapted to its wants than the present one and an honor to the city, he must have been equally satisfied in regard to the wishes of the people on the subject, as he was invited to attend a public meeting called to freely discuss the question, and at which the proposed removal met with a unanimous and hearty approval. So, of course, the removal will be made, and the people of Streator will have another occasion to be grateful to the business sagacity, energy and pluck of Mr. Heenan, its leading merchant, who has done more to raise the character and promote the prosperity of the business of that city than any other man in it.

MALICIOUS MISREPRESENTATION.

A few more grand juries like the one recently convened would ruin the Democratic party in La Salle county. The Globe protests against such wholesale indictments of Democrats—Ottawa Globe.

The above is but a sample of statements which have appeared in the Joliet Republican-Sun, Morris Herald, Bureau County Republican and Streator Free Press, all radical Republican papers, relative to the conspiracy indictments and the indicted.

For the benefit of these papers, thus maliciously attempting to misrepresent the Democratic party in this matter, we offer for consideration the following facts:

- 1. The crime was committed by those who were the active supporters of Judge Dibell and the active enemies of Judge Gilbert.
2. Judge Dibell was the nominee of a distinctive Republican convention; Judge Gilbert was not the nominee of a Republican convention, but was the candidate opposed to the Republican nominee.
3. To all intents and purposes these men were Republicans during the time that this crime was being committed and throughout the whole of the judicial canvass, for throughout the canvass they actively supported the Republican nominee against a candidate who is a democrat in politics.
4. The men were indicted for a crime that was to inure to the benefit of a republican candidate and to work injury to one who was not—at a time when they had nothing in common with democrats but were in full accord with the entire Republican party of the counties of Will, Grundy and Bureau and the convention Republicans of this county, working with them to bring to pass the one common end, viz. the election of a judge who was presented to the people as the regularly chosen nominee and representative of the Republican party of the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

We would suggest to Judge Dibell's

friends that these editors be muzzled. The continued agitation of the proceedings of the late judicial campaign by them in the manner they have thus far pursued may bring to the surface some very unpleasant facts, not particularly agreeable to be related.

The Princeton Republican, the Joliet Sun, and other Republican papers, are full of indignation because the Princeton Tribune intimates that Judge Dibell's own hands are not entirely clean of the dirty circular business. We should be very sorry indeed to be obliged to believe Judge D. capable of having had a hand in anything so disreputable, but when it is known that copies of these circulars were in his office at least five days before the election, and that they were circulated from there by regular members of the local republican judicial campaign committee, it will take some pretty strong affidavits on the part of Judge Dibell to acquit him of the charge of having had at least an inkling of the infamous business.

Chicago wants a World's Fair. The initial steps for inaugurating such an exposition in 1892, in commemoration of the landing of Columbus, just 400 years ago, were taken at a meeting of the managers of the Chicago Exposition Company a week ago. St. Louis, it will be remembered, made a movement in the same direction in behalf of that city a year ago, but since then has allowed the matter to rest.

Chicago had a big hanging bee last Saturday, when the three Italians, who a few months ago had so brutally murdered another Italian for his money, were hanged for their crime. There are three other condemned criminals in confinement at Chicago under sentence of death.

The vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal church in Milwaukee has taken steps for the erection of a crematory in connection with the cemetery of which that church has charge.

HOME MATTERS.

Personal.

- PLUMB.—Congressman Plumb, of Streator, was in the city Wednesday.
O'KEEFE.—Assessor O'Keefe, of La Salle, was in the city on official business yesterday.
FINN.—Mrs. M. J. Finn, Grand Crossing, is making a visit with John Bailey and his family.
BURNS.—Thomas Burns and bride, nee Miss Eva Agard, arrived in the city Thursday, from Wisconsin.
ADAMS.—Miss Edith Adams and Miss Eliza Brown, of Adams, Mass., are the guests of Mrs. S. C. Higginbotham.
GILMAN.—Wm. Gilman and family returned Friday of last week from a visit to relatives in Binghamton, N. Y.
LELAND.—Miss Julia Leland left the city Tuesday and will spend the winter on a visit to friends and relatives in the west.
WEIL.—Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Weil left for Chicago on Thursday, called there by the sudden death of his uncle, of Weil Bros.
PETERS.—Rev. Peters will be unable to fill his engagement to lecture here Dec. 2. He writes, however, that he will be present at the first opportunity.
CROSSEN.—Miss Emma Crossen left Thursday for her home at Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory. For the past three months the lady had been visiting her mother in this city, Mrs. John Colwell.
LOS ANGELES.—Mrs. J. Tomlinson, Mrs. Samuel Hayes, of this city, and Mrs. Lewis, of Grand Ridge, departed for Los Angeles, Cal., Thursday, to be absent for some length of time.
BURGESS.—George J. Burgess of Arrapahoe, Neb., made a hasty visit to Ottawa yesterday. He is the picture of good health, and the visit was a genuine treat for those of his friends who were so fortunate as to see him.

PRESENTATION.—On Wednesday night a party of friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. Keith of the south side, bringing with them refreshments, etc. The visitors enjoyed themselves greatly, and to add to the pleasure of the event Norman Kilbourn, in the name of those present, presented Mr. and Mrs. Keith with a handsome lamp, the occasion being the anniversary of their marriage.

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STOCK NOTES.—Wallace Libby & Co. purchased at the recent Chicago Hereford sale, for their herd, a bull calf, dropped January 2 last, Star Grove 3d, for \$650.

Robert Burgess of Wenona has been elected a director of the Cleveland Bay Society, organized on Tuesday last.

W. E. Prichard of this city holds the same position in the Norman Horse Society.

An important sale of horses takes place at the Fair Grounds on Tuesday.

BISHOP SPAULDING'S LECTURE.—Bishop Spaulding, of Peoria, will lecture at St. Columba's church, Wednesday, Nov. 25th, on St. Columba. St. Columba was one of the great Saints of St. Columba church, a man of great soul and great faith, powerful in word and in deed, who directly affected nations and indirectly Europe itself.

Scott Bros. & Co. will commence a big sale of holiday handkerchiefs next Tuesday. The Rock Island Route (C. R. I. & P. Ry.) now have through tickets on sale from Ottawa to St. Louis via Joliet and Chicago & Alton Ry. Close connections and low rates.

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The enforcement of a resolution recently passed by the city council of Mendota will create a great deal of disturbance in that balivick. A numerous signed petition was presented that body praying that all business houses, except butcher shops and barber shops, be closed on Sunday.

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THE COURTS.

Supreme Court.

Among the decisions filed in this court on Saturday were a number from this county, briefly as follows: Poole et al. v. Breese. Opinion by Justice Schofield. The decision of the Appellate Court was affirmed. The points in the case are: That the commissioners did not proceed according to law in laying out the road in controversy; they did not give proper notice, and therefore did not acquire jurisdiction of all the persons damaged by the laying out of the road. The commissioners did not, before proceeding to ascertain and assess damages, cause a survey and plat of the road to be made, but assessed the damages without survey.

Amusements.

This afternoon, at 2 o'clock, "Silver Spur" will be given, at a ladies' and children's matinee. Matinee prices, ladies 20 cents, children 10 cents. The same play will be presented this evening, at the new admission prices of 40 and 20 cents.

"MONTE CRISTO."

On Tuesday night Bayse's Standard Dramatic Company begin a 5 nights' engagement at the Opera House, with a change of play nightly. On their opening night (Tuesday) they will present the great and grand play entitled "Monte Cristo," with its realistic scenery. It is in four acts and one tableau, and is a dramatization of Alexander Dumas' famous novel, and presents the wonderful situations of this great work of fiction. This company will play every night (a change of play nightly) during the week, and on Thanksgiving Day will give a grand matinee at 2 o'clock. The matinee prices are only 10 and 20 cents. Their prices for the evening performances are only 15 and 30 cents, with reserved seats at 30 cents. It is a splendid company, and with its new plays and cheap prices will crowd the Opera House.

NOTES.

"The White Slave," with its magnificent company and splendid scenery, will be at the Opera House Dec. 1st.

The great Irish comedian, Mr. W. J. Scanlan, and his splendid company, in his famous Irish play, "Shane-na-Lawn," will be here Saturday night, Dec. 5th. Mr. Scanlan in his several Irish characters is considered far ahead of Joe Murphy.

THE RINK.

Matinee at the rink Saturday afternoon—Ament-Nichelsen. Little Tot Nichelsen, the child skater of America, will give an exhibition especially for ladies and children. Admission 10 cents; skates free. On Thanksgiving afternoon and evening the celebrated skater, Miss Hattie Harvey, will appear at the above place of amusement. Miss Harvey is the most finished and artistic skater traveling and deserves a crowded house.

For choice millinery at low prices visit Scott Bros. & Co.'s millinery department.

Sunday night Billy Krueger, a well-known resident of this city, died at his home on the west side after a brief illness. He was about 55 years of age, and a resident of Ottawa for about 30 years, and nearly the entire city knew poor Billy, the artist who for years played the big fiddle in the local orchestras. Wednesday he was buried in the cemetery in South Ottawa, Fitzgerald's band as a mark of professional courtesy and respect, headed the procession to the spot where Billy's remains were lowered to earth while the mournful notes of the funeral dirge were his last sad requiem.

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Grand Concert. As has been heretofore announced in these columns, the grand benefit concert to Prof. Frank A. Fitzgerald takes place at the Opera House Monday night next, Nov. 23d. It is a fact well known to the citizens of this city that to the untiring exertions of Mr. Fitzgerald Ottawa is indebted for one of the very best brass bands in the northwest. To arrive at this stage of notoriety and to deserve this credit has cost much time, labor and money. It is a home institution that the city is proud of, as well it may, and now that its leader is being tendered a benefit it is only just, right and proper that such an attendance should be present as to simply testify the regard in which Mr. Fitzgerald is held by the people of Ottawa, not only for his musical abilities, but also for his worth as an honorable and upright young man. A large orchestra and Fitzgerald's Band will be present, with Miss Olive Harrison, contralto; Miss Isabella Grant, soprano; F. A. Kendall, baritone; J. S. Stokes, violinist; and F. A. Fitzgerald, cornetist. The orchestra will consist of J. S. Stokes, solo violinist; Charles Neubert, repetitor; S. S. Willis, second violinist; W. H. Osman, viola; H. M. Kilby, cello; M. W. Baldwin, flute; A. Boisseau and L. Ball, basses; Chas. Henrich and Jos. Leix, cornetists; Julius Zellers and William Leibold, clarionets; James Fitzgerald and H. Baumgardner, trombones; W. K. Lecky and Chas. Raymond, drums; with F. A. Fitzgerald, director.

- PROGRAMME.
1. Overture—"Diamond Arrow," Herman Orchestra.
2. Baritone Solo—"The Fog Bell," Wallace Mr. F. A. Kendall.
3. Cornet Duet—"Swiss Boy," B. F. Bent F. A. Fitzgerald and Chas. Henrich.
4. Soprano Solo—"With Verdure Clad," Haydn Miss Grant.
5. Violin Solo—"De Beriot's 6th Air," De Beriot J. S. Stokes.
6. Andante and Waltz—"Imortelle," Gungl Fitzgerald's Band.
7. Contralto Solo—"Hannah's at the Window Binding Shoes," Hutchinson Miss Olive Harrison.
8. Cornet Solo—"Love's Dream," Hoch E. A. Fitzgerald.
9. Duet—"Holy Father, Guide His Footsteps," Campana Miss Grant and Mr. Kendall.
10. Cornet Quartet—"Glorioso," Mozart Messrs. Fitzgerald, Henrich, Leix and Ackerman. And Gaidop—Orchestra.
Accompanists: Miss Bassett and Mrs. C. A. Caton.

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People, et al. v. Ottawa Hydraulic Company. Affirmed. Opinion by Justice Mulkey. Nov. 28, 1884 a quo warranto was filed in the Circuit Court of La Salle county by the State's Attorney, charging that on Nov. 15, 1881, W. H. W. Cushman, John V. A. Hoes, Lorenzo Leland, George H. Norris, George E. Walker, William Hickling and A. H. Howland pretended to organize a stock company under the above title. It was further stated in the information contained in the quo warranto that the objects for which the company was said to have been organized were fraudulent and without any bona fide intention of carrying on any business which it was lawful for it to carry on under the said statute. The court sustained a demurrer to the above information and entered an order dismissing the same. From that order an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court. The Justice agreed with counsel for the defendant that the act in question is in legal effect a new charter and recognizes the corporate existence of the defendant. "When a number of individuals assume to act as a corporation the information containing a general denial of their rights to do so will be sufficient for their pleas of justification. But when the information attempts to set out their title, as was done here, which, when taken in consideration with a public law disclosing such additional facts as makes their title good, the information will necessarily be bad and obnoxious to a demurrer. Such was the case here. It is a fundamental mistake to suppose that it is even necessary to plead a public law, and there is no difference in this respect between a public law, strictly so called, and one merely declared to be so by the legislature. * * * The only charges contained in the information affecting the original organization of the company or its subsequent right to act as a corporation we regard as covered by the act of 1853, and this act is expressly declared to be a public act; hence there was no necessity of pleading it specially. As to the failure of the stockholders to pay in the stock, we have already seen that they are released from the performance of that duty by Sec. 4 of the act of 1853."

Loius Eames Mather v. City of Ottawa. Affirmed. Opinion by Judge Craig. This was an action brought by the above plaintiff in the Circuit Court against the city upon 120 coupons which were attached to certain bonds executed by the mayor and city clerk of Ottawa under the authority of an ordinance passed by the city council June 15, 1869, and also an ordinance adopted July 29 of the same year to carry out the ordinance of June 15. The court held in a number of